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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1925 and 4,000 equal to 5,925.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbable Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1925 and 530 equal to 2,455.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1925 and 3,760 equal to 5,685. After September add another year.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1925 and 1,000 equal to 2,925.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1925 less 1,118 equal to 807.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

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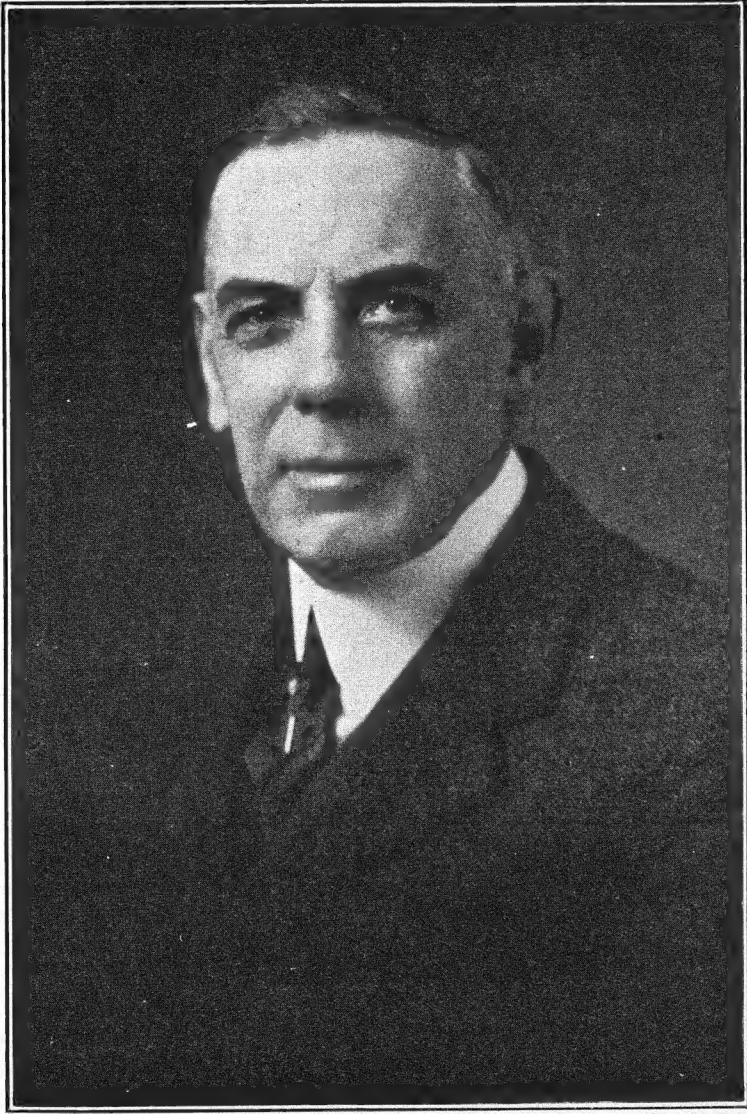
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March 11th, 1925

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on May 29th, 1924, to Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary

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Yours Fraternally,

J. E. Johnson

Grand Z, 1924.

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-four

PROCEEDINGS OF A
SPECIAL CONVOCAATION
of the
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta

Held in the City of Calgary, Alberta, on the 29th day of May,
A.D. 1924, A.L. 2454, for the purpose of celebrating the TENTH
ANNIVERSARY of the erection of The Grand Chapter.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.....	Grand Z.	{	Grand Council.
R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.....	Grand H.		
R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce.....	(Acting) Grand J.		
R. E. Comp. Geo. H. Best.....	Grand Supt. District No. 2		
R. E. Comp. W. E. M. Holmes.....	Grand Supt. District No. 3		
R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper.....	Grand Supt. District No. 4		
R. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Grand Scribe E.		
R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher.....	Grand Treasurer		
R. E. Comp. W. C. Marsh.....	Grand Principal Sojourner		
V. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson.....	Grand Master of Veils		
V. E. Comp. J. H. McNeil.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies		
V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland.....	Grand Organist		
R. E. Comp. W. C. Black.....	(Acting) Grand Pursuivant		
V. E. Comp. L. S. Crosby.....	Grand Steward		
V. E. Comp. W. B. Way.....	Grand Steward		
Comp. S. H. Davies.....	Grand Janitor		

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor.....	1914
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin.....	1915
M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod.....	1922
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	1923

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher.....	British Columbia
R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce.....	Colorado
R. E. Comp. T. Rankine.....	Connecticut
M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.....	Florida
M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin.....	Iowa
R. E. Comp. Geo. D. Stanley.....	Kentucky
M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson.....	Louisiana
R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.....	Maryland
R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.....	Massachusetts
R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan.....	Michigan
V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland.....	New Brunswick
M. E. Comp. Wm. T. Coote.....	New Jersey
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	New York
R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel.....	North Carolina
R. E. Comp. T. Fred English.....	North Dakota
R. E. Comp. Jas. A. McGhee.....	Oregon
R. E. Comp. G. Frank Butler.....	Quebec
R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.....	Scotland
R. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.....	South Dakota
R. E. Comp. W. C. Black.....	Utah

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2.40 p.m., with the following members in attendance:

Alberta, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comps. T. F. English, F. S. Selwood, H. H. Fletcher, T. Rankine, F. B. Cooper and T. C. Bruce, V. E. Comp. E. Farley, Ex. Comps. V. W. Wright and Frank Milne, Comps. G. P. Payzant, J. Williams, R. W. Ross, J. Diamond, W. Scott, E. A. Shobotham and T. A. P. Frost.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, Ex. Comp. W. Baxter, Comp. B. F. Ogilvie.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

R. E. Comps. J. F. Casteel and W. E. M. Holmes, V. E. Comp. W. B. Way, Ex. Comp. W. J. Noble, Comps. P. G. Thomas, W. Dobson.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

Comp. H. E. Cutler.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, Ex. Comp. C. W. E. Gardiner, Comps. P. S. Clarke and W. C. Sherman.

Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland and D. W. McMillan, Ex. Comp. Alex Carr, Comp. G. Murray.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen

V. E. Comp. R. H. Struthers.

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, R. E. Comps. E. G. Ironside, W. C. Black, V. E. Comp. J. H. McNeill, Ex. Comp. A. Davison, Comps. J. R. Jones, D. Carrington and S. H. Davies.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, R. E. Comp. G. H. Best, Comps. C. J. Jarjour, D. Code, A. G. Ayres, A. L. Baynham, S. N. Carscallen.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

Ex. Comp. Colin Allan.

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

Ex. Comp. Robt. Crichton.

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

R. E. Comp. Wilfred C. Marsh.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

R. E. Comp. R. L. McIlveen, V. E. Comp. L. S. Crosby, Ex. Comp. John Watters.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, G. F. Butler, H. W. B. Bell, Ex. Comps. H. Nicholson, O. G. Craig.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

R. E. Comp. Jas. A. McGhee.

Crescent, No. 24, Calgary

R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin, V. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson, Ex. Comp. W. H. Andrews, Comp. J. M. Donaldson.

Harmony, No. 26, Bassano

Ex. Comp. H. Stainsleigh, Comps. A. Deitz, A. Buchanan.

Ehneyh, U.D., Drumbeller

Ex. Comps. J. McCulloch, Jas. Holden, Comps. J. Wilson, Geo. A. McLennan.

The Most Excellent Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons in good standing, as visitors.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then retired and introduced the following Past Grand First Principals:

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, 1914.
 M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin, 1915.
 M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod, 1922.
 M. E. Comp. Wm. T. Coote, 1923.

They were welcomed by the Grand Z. and received with grand honors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Z., having requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies to again retire, M. E. Comp. James McCauley, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, R. E. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and R. E. Comp. Donald Adams, Past Grand Superintendent, representing the Grand First Principal of British Columbia, were then announced and severally introduced by M. E. Comps. Geo. B. McLeod, J. N. Rankin and S. Y. Taylor. They were welcomed to the Grand Chapter of Alberta by the Grand Z and received with grand honors.

The Grand Z. then addressed the Convocation.

My Companions:

I welcome you to this the Tenth Anniversary of our Grand Chapter.

Looking backwards, a decade seems but a short period of time, but when we consider the vast changes that have taken place during the past ten years, we must feel that the period has been of more than usual importance. Ten years ago the World was seemingly at peace. The Nations appeared to be working in harmony and scarcely a cloud could be found in the National sky, yet within a few months the Great War broke out and many of our most brilliant and beloved Brethren and Companions made the greatest of all sacrifices.

"Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
 As who heard God's message from afar;
 All you had hoped for, all you had you gave
 To save Mankind—yourselves you scorned to save."

"Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
 Into the light that nevermore shall fade,
 Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
 Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God."

John S. Arkwright.

Although the Armistice was signed and peace declared, the World has not yet regained the normalcy which has been so much desired and so constantly looked forward to. One oftentimes wonders if we, as Masons and more particularly as Royal Arch Masons are doing our utmost to assist in bringing closer the dawn of real peace.

I cannot in words of my own, so clearly set these thoughts before you as well as has been done by a Grand Chaplain of a Sister Jurisdiction in the following prayer:

"Almighty God, the 'One God and Father of all,' who in ancient time didst once and again bring Thy people out of captivity, lead

them through the desert to the place of their desire, and re-established them in peace and liberty; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, Companions of the Living Arch of Truth and Purity and Love, may be privileged to 'do our bit' in setting free those who are the captives of fear and hatred and greed and unmanly custom, in bringing order out of confusion these days, and in ministering to the re-establishment of peace among humankind the world over, a peace that shall go down to the deep things of our thought and life, and, therefore, a peace that shall be secure and abiding."

In Masonic circles there has been great progress numerically. For several years past, Grand Jurisdictions have reported large increases in membership but there is a feeling among thinking Masons that in many cases quality may have been overlooked for the sake of quantity. From a membership of 775 in 1914, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Alberta has grown to approximately twenty-seven hundred in 1924. Great progress has also been made in the uniformity of work in this Grand Jurisdiction so that at the present time, the twenty-seven Chapters in this Province are conferring the Degrees in a splendid and uniform manner. This Degree of perfection in ritualistic work together with brighter and more instructive convocations is bound to give the Companions of the Holy Royal Arch in this Jurisdiction, a more elevated opinion of our ceremonies and help to dispose of the false idea that our degrees are merely stepping stones to so-called higher branches of the Order.

To our visiting Companions from without this Grand Jurisdiction we give you a hearty welcome, we trust that every moment of the time spent amongst us will be filled with unalloyed pleasure and true companionship, that the hearty hand shake and kindly word received within these walls will remain with you to the end of your days. So mote it be.
(Applause)

M.E. GRAND Z.: R.E. Grand Scribe E., you have some communications from distinguished Companions to read.

GRAND SCRIBE E.: M. E. Sir, I have received a great number of letters and I will just merely read a summary of them.

I have received letters expressing regrets on not being able to attend this Celebration, and, at the same time, extending fraternal good wishes, and success from the following Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters:

1. John K. Brydon, of Kenora, Ont., who has arranged to send R. W. Bro. W. S. Galloway in his stead.
2. Charles H. King, of Sebastopol, Cal, who had tried to arrange to be with us, stopping over on his way to the Annual gathering of the Imperial Council of the Shriners, at Kansas City, but who was unable to do so.
3. William Bowers, of New Haven, Conn.
4. Charles W. Mixer, of Hastings, Mich.
5. Robert E. Howard, of Birmingham, Alabama.
6. W. A. Giles, of Anderson, South Carolina.
7. W. Stanley Child, of Oneida, New York.
8. Erastus B. Soper, of Emmetsburg, Iowa.
9. John W. Macklem, of Wilmington, Delaware, P.G.H.P. and present Grand Secretary.

And from the following G.H.P.'s and Grand Principals:

1. F. L. Newman, Grand Z., of Portage la Prairie, Man., who, at first expected to be here today, but found he could not come and has sent R.E. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, the Grand Scribe E., to represent him.
2. John P. Kuhns, Grand High Priest, of Columbus, Ohio.
3. Charles H. Carroll, of Baltimore, Maryland.

And from the following Grand Scribes E. and Grand Secretaries:

1. J. W. Prescott, of Vancouver, B.C., stating that M.E. Comp. Vernon W. Stewart had commissioned R.E. Comp. D. Adams, of Revelstoke, to represent the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
2. P. Colville Smith, of London, England.
3. Francis B. Reilly, of Regina, Sask.
4. E. D. Vanderlieth, of Reno, Nevada.
5. Stith M. Cain, of Nashville, Tenn.
6. Irving Stafford, of Cleveland, Ohio.
7. Francis E. White, of Omaha, Nebraska.
8. Henry L. Kennan, of Spokane, Wash.
9. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., of Helena, Montana.
10. Edgar H. McHan, of Macon, Georgia.
11. Thomas A. Davies, of San Francisco, Cal.
12. Albert K. Wilson, of Topeka, Kansas.
13. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, of Coldwater, Mich., and General Grand Secretary.
14. Henry T. Smith, of Toronto Ont.
15. Frederick T. Comee, of Boston, Mass.
16. M.E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod, M.E. Comp. Robert Patterson, R.E. Comps. Pidgeon and Bareham, and also a telegram from R.E. Comp. A. G. Finch, Grand Supt. District No. 5.

And from R.E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, of Vermilion, Grand Superintendent District No. 1; R. E. Comp. George W. Elliott, of Edmonton, Grand Registrar; and V. E. Comp. C. W. Coppock, of Edmonton.

I have also received a letter from M. E. Comp. Colonel Peter Spence, of Airdrie, Scotland, a Past Depute First Grand Principal of Scotland, who, although unable to be present today, expects to be in Calgary, accompanied by his daughter, about the end of June.

Also a letter from the Grand Scribe E. of Saskatchewan, R. E. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, stating that the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. McCauley, would be with us on this occasion.

A letter from Lord Cassillis, First Grand Principal of Scotland, stated that he would be unable to visit Clagary on his way from Australia and Japan, back to his home, as he had engaged to attend the General Grand Chapter, of U.S.A., at Kansas City.

It would be very pleasing to read many letters in full, as they contain words of congratulation, of wisdom, and expressions of abounding good will, but Time forbids.

M. E. GRAND Z.: Thank you, R. E. Grand Scribe E. Companions, at the annual communication of Grand Chapter in March last a committee was appointed to arrange for this ceremony and it was decided at that time that the 10th anniversary would be celebrated, if possible, in the room in which the Grand Chapter of Alberta was formed, so that we today are meeting, probably under different circumstances, but within the same walls as we met on the 29th of

May, 1914. M.E. Comp. Taylor, then R. E. Comp., acted as Chairman of that meeting and the committee has requested him to give the Companions here present today an address on the history of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, together with a short history of the Royal Arch Degree. I have, therefore, very much pleasure in calling upon M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, to address you at this time.

M. E. COMP. TAYLOR: M. E. Sir and Companions, at the suggestion of your M. E. First Grand Principal I have reduced what I have to say this afternoon to writing and will proceed to read my address.

We have been looking forward for some time to this auspicious occasion, in anticipation of the pleasure to be derived from it, both from the standpoint of acquiring and understanding more clearly the value of Royal Arch Masonry, as well as from the benefit and real joy of good fellowship.

Just ten years ago today there was born in this city and in this very Masonic Temple, the Grand Chapter of Alberta. We are assembled in the bonds of love and unity and with grateful hearts, to uplift our voices in thanksgiving to the great "I Am," because our Grand Chapter has been abundantly blessed in that our cause has prospered and that a sacred heritage has been handed down to us by our illustrious predecessors, which we have pledged ourselves to maintain and pass on to future generations yet unborn.

Commemorations of important and outstanding events in the history of the lives of men and institutions are of peculiar interest, especially to those who have been eye-witnesses and have had a share in these events, and none fraught with greater moment than the birth or bringing into existence of anything. Pioneers who blaze the paths of civilization have their peculiar struggles. Founders of any great enterprise have their times of adversity. Their recompense is in the achievement of success of a worthy cause. There are those who are not progressive; who have not sufficient faith in their fellowmen; who are suspicious of their under-lying purpose, however laudable it may be; who are jealous of the advancement of others and who presume to know, without being in possession of all the facts. Opposition from such makes the task all the more difficult.

Such, in a measure, was the experience of those who planned and took an active part in the institution of our Grand Chapter. The wisdom of its formation was questioned by several of the officers and companions of our Mother Grand Chapter, including also a few residing in this province. Some of them saw difficulties in the way and cautioned delay. Some declared that we were not able to finance such an institution, whilst others even suggested that advancement in office was the motive for our actions.

Meanwhile, a large majority of the companions of Alberta, knowing the unsatisfactory condition of Capitular Masonry in the province, and being fully convinced the solution of this problem was the formation of a separate and independent Grand Chapter, and being also confident that in accordance with Masonic law and precedent they were well within their rights in so doing, they finally, after due deliberation, called a meeting for that purpose on the 29th of May, 1914, and resolved to erect and establish a Grand Chapter in and for the Province of Alberta. A vote on the resolution was taken by Chapters and the majority of the Chapters represented in the convention by their delegates, which was also a majority of the Chapters in the province, voted in favor of the resolution.

Notice of this inaugural meeting was sent to each of the Grand Jurisdictions, accompanied with a request for fraternal recognition. The Grand Chapter of Canada refused to recognize the newly formed Grand Chapters of Alberta. They issued a circular letter to the Grand Chapters of the world, protesting against the regularity of our formation and suspended twenty-five companions who participated actively in the formation of Grand Chapter, from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

In view of this action, your first Grand Z. issued a letter relating the various steps which led to the formation of our Grand Chapter and our reasons for so doing. He pointed out that if each chapter then existing in the Province of Alberta sent a delegate to the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the outlay would be greater than that required to meet all the expenses of a Grand Chapter in and for the Province of Alberta. In further justification of the action then taken, he stated:

"In 1905 political autonomy was granted to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the same year, steps were taken to form Grand Lodges in each of these provinces, and the same privileges were available to the various Chapters within these provinces, then, or as soon thereafter as conditions would warrant such action. The principle of coincidence or coterminousness of political and Masonic boundaries is an acknowledged law of the Constitutions of the Grand Masonic bodies of England, Ireland and Scotland and the jurisdictions of each of these Grand bodies is exclusive within its geographical limits. The Province of Alberta is a federal province of the Dominion of Canada and has political autonomy with legislative, judicial and executive powers, which are not possessed by England, Scotland or Ireland as parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and hence the Grand Chapter of Alberta is as much (and a fortiori more) entitled to have and to exercise exclusive Masonic authority within its territorial limits as is either of the Grand Chapters of the United Kingdom within its geographical boundaries or as are the several federal states of the United States of America."

Many precedents were quoted to prove that this same principle has been recognized by the Craft in the formation of supreme Masonic bodies in the United States of America. In addition to these, which we will not take time to enumerate, the Grand Chapter of Canada itself is authority for, and the Proceedings of that Grand body in the year 1870 contain the following statement of Masonic law governing the right to the formation of a Grand Chapter. The exact words used by M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Herrington, the then Grand Z, were as follows:

"Since our last Annual Convention, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has been formally organized and although I could not help thinking the action somewhat premature, considering the small number of Chapters existing in that province, yet, acting on my conviction that where there is a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter may by right follow, I have no hesitation in acknowledging the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and wishing that body all success and prosperity."

Grand Chapter, at the same communication, supported the opinion of the M. E. the Grand Z, and extended the right hand of fellowship and recognition to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Our contention was also supported by Judge Drummond of Maine, who made the following declaration:

"When the civil government divides one state into two and creates two independent states where one existed, by the operation of Masonic law, the lodges in each acquire the right to have Grand Lodge of their own. This result comes not from the civil law alone, but from the joint operation of civic and Masonic law."

Our first Grand Z, after quoting a number of precedents such as the foregoing, concluded his letter with these words:

"The companions of Alberta are fully convinced that they can best promote the interests of Capitular Masonry under their own Grand Chapter; that the expenses in connection therewith will not prove a burden; that whatever Grand Chapters having about the same membership have succeeded in doing for years, they can likewise do under more favorable circumstances and that as a separate autonomous jurisdiction they are entitled to this privilege, and having so organized, they earnestly desire the recognition and good wishes of their companions throughout the world."

Several American Grand Jurisdictions espoused our cause but delayed the granting of recognition, in the hope that such would be extended by our Mother Grand Chapter at an early date.

It is not my intention to recite to you some of unpleasant experiences through which the companions of Alberta passed during the year immediately following the formation of our Grand Chapter. In due time better judgment prevailed and an amicable settlement was arrived at between the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The Grand Chapter of Canada restored to good standing the companions who had been suspended and subsequently made a grant of \$1,000.00 to the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Since that time the most amicable relations have existed between these two Grand Chapters. We have greatly enjoyed the fraternal visits of M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, P.G.Z., and M. E. Comp. Wm. N. Ponton, G.Z., of that jurisdiction and our first Grand Principal was also most cordially received and highly entertained by M. E. Comp. Ponton and his officers at Port Arthur two years ago.

With regard to this Grand Jurisdiction, have the prophetic words uttered by your first Grand Principal come true? Have the interests of Capitular Masonry in this province been promoted during the last ten years to a greater degree than could possibly have been done if we had remained under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada? Let the facts speak for themselves. The membership in this province has almost quadrupled during the last ten years, notwithstanding the fact that dual membership was permissible at the time of our formation and is not so now. Previous to last year our per capita tax was fifty cents per member. It was then increased to seventy-five cents in order to establish a permanent fund for benevolent purposes. After meeting all expenses incident to the formation of Grand Chapter, including a considerable sum which may be termed extraordinary expenses, occasioned by the unfortunate differences between our Mother Grand Chapter and ourselves, we have purchased a complete set of regalia for each of the Grand Chapter Officers; have made a reasonable annual allowance to the Grand Scribe E for his services; have contributed \$3,587.70 to benevolence; have printed a Constitution and Standard By-laws for our guidance and have a substantial balance of about \$2,000.00 to our credit at the present time.

The twenty-seven chapters in our jurisdiction are divided into five districts with an active superintendent over each. Chapters of

Instruction are being held annually in each of these districts, at which the Grand Lecturer is present to review the exemplification of work and require a uniformity in the conferring of degrees. A perfection of Work now exists which was totally absent in earlier years. In addition to this, our companions are being instructed in the fundamental principles of Capitular Masonry. There is a healthy emulation amongst our various chapters as to who can best work and best agree and a spirit of enthusiasm and harmony is manifest everywhere. May this spirit continue to flourish during the future decades of our Royal Order.

Companions, we form but a single link in the great chain of Capitular Masonry which belts the world. May I, therefore, be pardoned if I make a brief reference to Capitular Masonry in general and the Royal Arch degree in particular. The origin of Royal Arch Masonry has been dealt with in a masterly and most exhaustive manner by two well known English writers who have made this branch of this history of Masonry their particular study. I refer to the History of Freemasonry by Gould and the Origin of the English Masonic Rite, by Hughan.

Mackey, the outstanding American historian, also gives us much valuable information bearing on this interesting and all important subject. In his History of Freemasonry he says:

"The first innovator on the original ritual of Desaguliers and his collaborators was the noted Chevalier Ramsay and it is to him that we have to trace the first addition to that ritual which was to supplement the third degree with another which has since, under great modifications, been known to English speaking Freemasons as the Royal Arch. The English Masons accepted the suggestions of Ramsay as to the necessity of expanding the third degree. They adopted the 'Word,' which indeed it is said had always existed in the original ritual of the third degree, but they transferred its collation from the third to the fourth degree and they wholly rejected Ramsay's legend, fabricating a new one for themselves."

The origin of the Royal Arch has awakened much inquiry by prominent Masonic students but, profound as has been the investigation of these authorities, they have not ventured to give it an earlier date than that of about 1740. At this period it came into notice in England and was stimulated by dissensions between the Ancients and the Moderns, a breach which was not healed until Articles of Union were adopted by the two Grand Lodges in 1813, wherein it was declared that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, that is, those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.

The schismatic body of 1751 assumed the name of Ancient Masons and styled the regular Grand Lodge of England, Moderns. In 1740, Laurence Dermott was made a Mason and six years later a Royal Arch Mason and he, more than any others, seemed to have been the moving spirit in sustaining this great schism from the middle of the Eighteenth until the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. Regarding this notable character who was, for many years, Grand Secretary of the Ancient Grand Lodge of England, Dr. Mackey says:

"As a polemic, he was sarcastic, bitter, uncompromising and not altogether sincere or veracious, but in intellectual attainments he was inferior to none of his adversaries and in a philosophical appreciation of the character of a Masonic institution he was in advance of the

spirit of his age. Doubtless he dismembered the third degree and to him we owe the establishment of English Royal Arch Masonry. Royal Arch Masonry as we now have it came from the fertile brain and intrepid heart of Dermott."

Laurence Dermott, in his *Ahiman Rezon* or Constitution of the Ancients of 1756 says:

"I firmly believe the Royal Arch to be the root, heart and marrow of Masonry." This opinion doubtless did much to popularize the degree.

Dr. Oliver also admits that the division of the third degree and the fabrication of the English Royal Arch appear, on their own showing, to have been the work of the Ancients.

The introduction of the Royal Arch gave the Seceders a prestige not enjoyed by their rivals and candidates eagerly sought initiation into the organization which promised them a participation in a larger amount of mystical knowledge. The Moderns soon became aware of this fact and it was not very long before they adopted the same degree into their system. A Royal Arch Chapter and then a Grand Chapter was established by the Moderns about the year 1766 and though it was not actually countenanced, it was not denounced by the Constitutional Grand Lodge.

The early Royal Arch degrees were conferred in the Lodges and only on those who had "passed the chair." The custom then was to confer it only on those who had been Masters of Lodges, but this practice, having been found inconvenient, as it too greatly restricted the number of candidates, the latter was subsequently violated and a fictitious degree of Past Master was instituted, brethren being admitted by the same ceremony to "pass the chair" without having been elected Masters of Lodges. Thus the distinction of actual and virtual Past Masters came in vogue, the degree or rank of Past Master being thus virtually conferred as a pre-requisite to exaltation. In 1813 the United Grand Lodge of England abolished this practice and it now admits Master Masons to be exalted. The former custom, however, still prevails in the United States, although unsuccessful efforts have been frequently made to abandon it.

The printed Proceedings of our Mother Grand Chapter show that at the convention held in the City of Hamilton, Ontario, on January 19, 1857, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was organized. Three Chapters out of the seven then established in Canada were represented at this convention. They adopted the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, *mutatis mutandis*, but to assimilate with the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, the three degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, not recognized by the Grand Chapter of England, were adopted. Subsequent to this, the degree of Past Master was eliminated and today in Canada Capitular Masonry recognizes the Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees.

Companions, what of the future of our noble Order? If the votaries of the Royal Craft seek to become loving and loyal embodiments of the humanly perfect ideal set before them in their ceremonies and each individual member acts as if the honor of the Fraternity were specially entrusted to his keeping, the continued prosperity of our Brotherhood is assured, and widespread and popular as are its influence and philanthropic work of today, we are as yet far from reaching the limits of the organization, either as respects numbers or usefulness.

The glory of Masonry in the future, as in the past, its very endurance in unweakened and undying life, will rest on its faithfulness to its own grand principles, on its fidelity to its time-proven and time-honored traditions and landmarks, and on its continued ministry of beneficence to the world.

R. E. COMP. S. H. MIDDLETON: M. E. Sir, many of us here this afternoon have been deeply inspired and uplifted listening to the words of wisdom and advice and the knowledge which has been given to us by M. E. Comp. Taylor. I often thought that he should have been a pastor. He really can talk well. However, I have great pleasure, M. E. Sir, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to M. E. Comp. Taylor for his inspiring and instructing address to us this afternoon.

R. E. Comp. T. C. BRUCE: I have very much pleasure in seconding the motion made by R. E. Comp. Middleton and I would like to say to the Comp. who has just spoken that there are others besides preachers who can talk and perhaps M. E. Comp. Taylor has not missed his calling so badly after all. However, we all know Companion Middleton is a fluent speaker himself and I have heard some very excellent and instructive addresses given by him. We all know also that M. E. Comp. Taylor has taken a very active part in the work of Capitular Masonry as well as in the Blue Lodge and we expected nothing less from him than what we have received today. I am sure it has been an inspiration to us and will be an inspiration to the Companions of our Order. I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. (Hearty applause.)

M. E. GRAND Z.: M. E. Sir, without putting the question to the Companions I am sure that I am quite right in saying that it is a unanimous vote of thanks. We thank you very much for the pains you have taken in this address. We will instruct the Grand Scribe E. to have it printed so that the different Chapters throughout the jurisdiction will be presented with a copy of it. I thank you, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, M. E. Sir, for your address.

(Hearty applause.)

M. E. GRAND Z.: Companions, we have with us today as you know, the Grand First Principal of the baby Grand Chapter of the Grand Chapter of Canada, probably the baby Grand Chapter of the world, M. E. Comp. James McCauley, of Saskatchewan. I am sure you will be pleased to listen to him this afternoon. (Applause).

M. E. Comp. McCAULEY: M. E. Sir and members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I have such a bad cold that I do not know whether I can make myself heard or not but I can assure you, M. E. Sir, that it is a great pleasure to me to be here this afternoon and bring you Greetings from the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, the baby Grand Chapter, your little sister and your next door neighbor. I thank you, M. E. Sir and Companions, for the hearty reception which you have given me as head of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. The most pleasant relations exist between these two Grand Chapters and we hope, M. E. Sir, that this state of affairs will always continue. I am here today to learn what I can about Capitular Masonry, about the business of Grand Chapters. Being the baby institution it is our privilege and our duty to learn. In the Province of Saskatchewan, Sir, to be successful there you have to be able to have things concealed about your person which, to see me now you would not think possible. I have something concealed about me. M. E. Sir, I was instructed by the Executive Council of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan when they heard that I was going to make a visit here, that I should bring something, some little memento of this occasion and I have much

pleasure, M. E. Sir, in presenting to this Grand Chapter, this gavel, not for its intrinsic value, Sir, for it has no value, but as a memento of my visit here this afternoon. I hope, M. E. Sir, that this Grand Chapter will be in existence long after this gavel is worn out. I present it to you, M. E. Sir, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. (Hearty applause.)

M. E. GRAND Z.: Companion McCauley, I assure you this is quite a surprise. As a matter of fact you embarrass me. That recalls a little story I read in one of the proceedings of one of our sister Grand Chapters the other evening. Several distinguished Companions had been received in Grand Chapter and each had expressed his embarrassment. One did not show embarrassment himself but he told a story. He said that the word "embarrassment" reminded him of a Clergyman, a white clergyman, who was marrying a colored couple and after the ceremony was concluded the groom proceeded to kiss the bride, but she said, "Stand back there, the parson is the first one to have that privilege." (Laughter.) I can assure you, M. E. Sir, that during my term of office and I am sure during the terms of office of those following me, that this gavel will be used to a worthy purpose; that no disgrace will come upon it; and I ask you to convey to your officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan our hearty good wishes. We trust that you will have the same degree of success or even more success than we have had, as we started at the ground, so did you. We have gone constantly forward and we believe we are doing a good work. We are sure also that the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan will do equally good work. On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta I thank you most heartily for this precious gift. (Hearty applause.)

M. E. GRAND Z.: Now Companions, we also have with us R. E. Comp. Moulden, the Grand Scribe E of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. In this Grand Chapter of Alberta we have had three Grand Scribe E's. M. E. Comp. Downey was the first and a most excellent officer he was. I happen to have been the second and I often considered my work very poor. We now have the third, R. E. Comp. Ironside, who follows out what his name signifies. Now Companion Moulden has, on several occasions, written for information to Companion Ironside and I feel sure that he is starting the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in the way it should go, but we would like to hear from him and let him tell us himself the progress which it is making. R. E. Comp. Moulden. (Applause.)

R. E. Comp. MOULDEN: M. E. Sir, I presume the position of Grand Scribe E is at the foot of the seat of learning, therefore, I take my stand on the floor to address you. I, first of all, am desirous on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba to convey to you, Sir, and to the Companions of Alberta, their sincere regard and esteem. You are our eldest sister. We come from the same mother and consequently we are closely related. While we were formed, the installation of our officers was performed by an Excellent Companion from a Southern State, the State of North Dakota, because we could not get one from Ontario at the time, still we feel that Canada is Canada and that the children of Canada are all members of one family and should be closely knit together, more closely knit together than any foreign relationship which we can make. (Applause.) You already have had a letter from our M. E. Grand Z., expressing his regret at his inability to be present with you this afternoon. I think, M. E. Sir, when I return and tell him of the way in which this Communication has been conducted that he will still further regret his absence because he should learn just as much as R. E. Grand Scribe E. I also want to take this opportunity, M. E. Sir, to thank, not only the R. E. Scribe

E. of Alberta, but also yourself, for favors already received and I hope that they may continue. When we started out I was entirely in ignorance as to how to proceed so I wrote to your good self and I got information from you very kindly and very explicitly given that assisted me in a great measure in starting the various organizations necessary in a new Grand Chapter. R. E. Comp. Ironside has also continued that good work and has advised me just as if I was really his brother and he wanted me to travel in the right manner. He has told me the moves and the improvements which you have made. Now, it is not for me, Sir, to make any lengthy address. I will say that I certainly am very pleased to be here today. I thank you for the cordial manner in which I have been received and I am sure that there is still more in store for me in the learning which will come from the high state with which you have honoured me with a place this afternoon. (Applause.)

M. E. GRAND Z.: R. E. Comp. Adams, of British Columbia, we heard a few words from you before, would you like to say anything further now?

R. E. Comp. ADAMS: M. E. Sir, it has given me a great deal of pleasure to be here. I think the R. E. Grand Scribe E. of British Columbia is our representative and he is a much more able representative than I am, but he cannot be here. I also have no doubt about the new Chapters started in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, because the Grand Chapter of British Columbia prides itself as having had every success since it was organized. We have more than doubled our membership and I think there must be about seven new Chapters started in the Province since the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was instituted, which would never have been started if we had been a member of the Grand Chapter of Canada. At that time, about once in seven years, we would get a visit from a Grand Chapter Officer and then it was usually in the afternoon from one train to another or something like that. Now we get a visit at least annually, from the M. E. Grand Z., and other Grand Chapter officers. They are adopting uniform work in the Province of British Columbia, including the Past Master degree, so that Companions who have travelled in other jurisdictions will not be required to leave the Chapter while this degree is being conferred. It was on account of the older Chapter of British Columbia that came from the Grand Chapter of Scotland we took this degree out of their Ritual. On that account, all the other Chapters had dropped the P.M. Degree. It is embarrassing for Companions when travelling from different jurisdictions to arrive at the Chapter Room when the degree is being conferred. I think the Grand Chapter of Canada, and those that come from it, are the ones which did not adopt this degree. I would like to see all the Chapters in the Dominion adopt this Past Master's degree, so that Companions visiting here will not have to retire in these jurisdictions. Companions in these jurisdictions, visiting Washington, Montana and Oregon, have to retire during the conferring of this degree which is very embarrassing. Thank you, M. E. Sir. (Applause.)

M. E. GRAND Z.: Companions, M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankine, has an announcement to make as to the meeting at the Hudson's Bay Rooms tonight.

M. E. Comp. RANKIN: M. E. Sir, and Companions, the three Principals of each Chapter are entitled to complimentary tickets for the banquet tonight. Also the members of the visiting Grand Chapters. I want to say, for those who have not had the opportunity of getting them, we will have a man at the door at the Hudson's

so that anyone who has not got his ticket now or before he gets there, will be able to get one. I will try to get the complimentaries for the different visitors and others before we leave here today. The entrance will be from the First Street West door.

M. E. GRAND Z.: I may state, Companions, that the Committee in charge of this entertainment tonight decided that any Master Mason could attend, if he were invited by a Companion of the Royal Arch. The head table will be arranged in the north instead of in the East in the Elizabethan Room. That is a slight change from our original arrangement. I hope that all the Companions, who are here, will come. The Committee has arranged a splendid evening. Try and be on hand promptly at 7.30.

GRAND SCRIBE E.: M. E. Sir, would it not be well for this Grand Chapter or some of the Calgary Chapters, at this time, to arrange a meeting, to receive M. E. Comp. Colonel Peter Spence, of Scotland, when he arrives here on his tour of Canada? Yesterday, I had a letter, written at Hong Kong, from Lord Cassilis, the First Grand Principal of Scotland, who has been visiting Australia. We expected to have a visit from him, but he finds it impossible to return this way. However, he mentions a visit from M. E. Comp. Spence.

M. E. GRAND Z.: We will try to arrange a meeting of the Companions at some point which will be convenient and which will be addressed by Lieut.-Colonel Peter Spence or the Earl of Cassillis, and give to the Companions the benefit of the addresses which will be given by these distinguished Companions. They have travelled, practically around the World. Their tour has been one of peace. The Grand Chapter of Scotland and the General Grand Chapter of the United States and many of the Grand Chapters in the United States have not been at peace for some years on account of the Chapter formed in the Philippines by the Grand Chapter of Scotland. Also the Grand Chapters of New South Wales and Queensland were not at peace with Scotland and the Earl of Cassillis and Most Excellent Companion Spence have been on a trip trying to settle these differences amicably.

Companions, this completes the ceremony for the afternoon. As I said, please be on hand promptly at 7.30.

(The Convocation was closed in AMPLE FORM.)

8 p.m.

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, I will ask you to rise, fill your glasses and drink a toast to the King and the Royal Craft. (Toast to the King and the Royal Craft.)

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, you have your song sheets in your hands, sing with your middle voice. "No. 6."
"Lock Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag, and Smile, Smile."

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, this afternoon we expected to have a visit from His Worship, the Mayor, of the City of Calgary, but he announced to me about half past one that he had to entertain a delegation of ladies. (Laughter.) And so he could not be with us, but he is here tonight. Now we are not going to give him sufficient time to explain to you all about the tax rate, because we wish to get home before morning, however, I have much pleasure in calling upon Ex. Comp. George Webster, Mayor of the City of Calgary, to address us at this time.

Ex. Comp. GEORGE WEBSTER: Mr. Chairman and Companions: I judge from the response that I heard, when the Chairman said that I couldn't come this afternoon that it was because of the fact that I was detained in the office by some ladies; judging from the response which was made to that remark, there are quite a number of brethren in the room who regret that they were not in my place in the office. (Laughter.) While the troubles of a Mayor may be numerous and varied, as Acting Mayor Little has discovered during the past three weeks, still I might say among these troubles are many pleasures and one of the pleasures is entertaining the ladies. (Laughter). and listening to their tales of woe in the Mayor's office. Companions, I was very sorry I was unable to be with you this afternoon, but I am glad indeed that I have been given the opportunity to be present tonight because I wish to join with the other Companions from Calgary, and with the other Companions from Alberta, in extending to the delegates from our sister provinces of Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario, the most cordial and fraternal greetings of the City of Calgary and of the brethren of Calgary and of Alberta to them in their visit to our Province and to our City. (Hear, hear.) I also want to join with the Companions of Calgary in welcoming to our City the Companions from the other parts of Alberta. (Hear, hear.) Those of us who belong to Calgary think that we belong to the best town in the best province in the best Country in the World. (Hear, hear.) My friend on my right from Edmonton will probably challenge that statement, but I am going to say to him and I am going to say to all the other Companions, no matter from where they come, that, if you think you live in the best town in the best Country, then you are going to work to make that town the best town there is in your Country, and that is what we should all think and what we should all do. I think that we live in the best town in the best Country in the World, and then work to make it the best town. (Hearty applause.) In Calgary we are always glad to welcome, we are always pleased to welcome visitors, particularly visitors from outside the Province because we feel in Alberta that we have something to show to visitors from Manitoba, from Saskatchewan and from British Columbia and even from old Ontario, as some things are good for them as Canadians, to see and to know. I was in Vancouver the other day and I am going to say this, (I hope my friend from British Columbia will not challenge it either) I had the pleasure of going around Vancouver Harbour, accompanied by one of the Harbour Commissioners, and it was with a great deal of pleasure that I noticed the improvements and the work which is being done in Vancouver. It looked like old time to me to see buildings in the course of construction over that whole magnificent City, to see the wonderful development going on in the harbour. I say it looked like old times. It looked as if the old times were coming back as they used to be. I also sensed the feeling that what they were interested in particularly in Vancouver and in British Columbia was, whether or not we were having the same degree of development and prosperity back in the prairies as they were having at the Coast. It has been brought home to the people of Vancouver, and it was brought home to me when I saw this work going on, that all this development in Vancouver, coupled with all this talk about the Western Grain Route and everything which is going on in Vancouver, which I was very pleased and glad to see, it was brought home to me, I say, that this would not be necessary, and it would not be called for, unless we had the development here and unless they had behind them the country which we have got here in Alberta. (Hear, hear.). I say, gentlemen, we are glad to belong to this Province of Alberta and particularly are we glad to welcome to Alberta you people from other Provinces. (Applause.) I am particularly glad tonight to be able to join with our Calgary brethren in welcoming you brethren from our sister Provinces to our City. This is the Tenth Anniversary of

this Institution. I do not know as that is the proper word. Some of you old-time friends may have a fear that I am going back into the early ages, not the dark days but the early times, because there were bright times 25 or 30 years ago in Alberta. We always looked forward then to the future with the greatest hope and optimism but going back ten years ago I might say I was not in Calgary at the time this Grand Chapter was instituted.

However, I was here prior to that for a considerable time and prior to the time even when the Grand Lodge was formed in Alberta. During the past two or three years it has been my privilege to attend many functions in Calgary and throughout the Province of Alberta, many functions given by different organizations. Last night alone I attended the Provincial Convention of the Women's Institute—in all of the different public organizations, public associations and public service organizations, which I have attended, the luncheon which I went to yesterday when I listened to that eloquent speaker, Dr. Clarke, at all these organizations and these functions I cannot get away from the idea that all these organizations and that all their ideals, and all the wonderful works which they are attempting to do in this country in the upbuilding of the country and in the upbuilding of the citizenship of this country, I say I cannot get away from the idea that these ideals and these thoughts were all gotten from this Order of which we are all so proud to be members, (Applause), from Masonry of today. Go where you will, to anyone of these Organizations, no matter what it may be and you will find something there, or, at least, I find something there which shows to me that they derive their inspiration and derive their thoughts for the institution of the organization from our own Masonic Order. From all this I learned this lesson, that as Masons we have a great responsibility to live up to, we must remember the high ideals and traditions of our Order, especially when we realize the fact that these other Orders which have been offshoots from our Organizations are copying our example. It is also gratifying to note when we come to a meeting such as this and other Masonic meetings and when we see that in spite of the growth of all these other organizations that the Masonic Order is no less in growth but that it is going forth by leaps and bounds and is in a stronger position here today in Calgary and in Alberta than it ever was before. It is a great pleasure here tonight for me to see so many young men who belong to the Masonic Order and who pay the same attention to it and who are being inspired by the same ideals as our young men have been with those very same ideals for generations past.

Now, I rather expect I am getting off the track and I rather expect the Chairman is going to pull my coat tails and tell me to sit down because I feel I am taking too much of your time, but I do feel, men, I have just come back from a trip, I am going to tell you now, I didn't tell you when I went away where I was going because I didn't know where I was going myself. I just wanted to get away from Calgary for a little while because they were going to talk about the Service Tax, and my friend, Alderman Davison, over there, I knew was quite qualified to tell you all I thought about that Service Tax, so I left here and left Alderman Davison to do the talking for the Service Tax for me and I see he has successfully put it through the Council, so I am absolved of any responsibility for the Service Tax. However, I went away from here, after a year or so in office, feeling that all the troubles that could possibly come to a community were scattered around the City of Calgary. I went to different points, through the State of Washington, through British Columbia, I even went to Edmonton (laughter) and I found even in Edmonton the troubles that we thought were so serious in Calgary were duplicated in that City. I found that even in Vancouver they had wakened up to the fact that they had troubles there and they also had wakened up to the fact in Victoria;

they had actually wakened up to that fact there (laughter). They had municipal troubles and tax sale problems the same as we have here. Then through Spokane and down to Walla Walla, Washington, and to other points and I found they all had their municipal troubles, so I came back and made up my mind that we were not the only place that had been foolish in our young days and spent more money than we should have spent, and that we were not the only place which was finding it difficult to make our payments now, that no matter where I went, no matter what the conditions were, no matter how old the Country may have been and no matter how old the settlement may have been, no matter how prosperous they may have been in the past, no matter how bright their future may be, still I came back to Calgary feeling that I was coming back to the best province on the American Continent. (Applause). I was proud to come back to my town and proud to come back to Alberta because I felt that the future here was bright. (Hear, hear). The conditions here were good, better than they were in many other places and I came back refreshed in mind and determined, if possible, to enthuse my fellow citizens with the fact that, while distant hills may look green, the people who live beyond the hills are having their troubles just as much as we are and that there is no place that has a brighter prospect, a better future, than right here in Calgary and right here in Alberta. (Applause). So brethren, I say, I was very glad to get back.

Mr. Chairman, in conclusion I can only say that I wish to thank you for the privilege of allowing me to be here tonight. I feel I have taken up too much of your time already, but I wish to say again, representing the City of Calgary, that the people, of Calgary are glad to have this Convention here. We welcome you, and we hope you will enjoy your sojourn in Calgary. We hope you will go home and have very many pleasant recollections of the friendships which you have formed and the pleasures which you will have during the next few days while you are in our City. I thank you. (Applause).

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, we will now be favored with a song by Companion George Rounce.

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, in the absence of R. E. Comp. Dunlop, I am going to ask R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce to take charge of the next toast.

R. E. Comp. T. C. BRUCE: Mr. Toastmaster, M. E. Comps. and Companions, the Grand Principal this afternoon made a remark to the effect that he was placed in a very embarrassing position but apparently he has no thought of the feelings of others. He frequently places them in embarrassing positions, because it was only when we were entering the Banquet Room this evening that he asked me to propose this toast. I might say this is the second embarrassing position that I have been placed in today. When I arrived at the office this morning I found a letter advising me that if my business tax was not paid by a certain day the bailiff would be put in to seize. (Laughter). I do not suppose any of you ever get anything like that. (Laughter). But this embarrassing position coming on top of that is a very serious thing for me. However, my duty tonight in proposing this toast will be very light indeed, because as we have a number of distinguished Companions here who will respond, the toast will be properly taken care of in their responses. I may say that I know a little of the hardships and the difficulties that the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta had to endure when this Grand Chapter was organized ten years ago. I was, at that time, living in the town of Macleod and was the representative from that town to the Grand Chapter and incidentally one of its first officers and I know something of the very

serious difficulties which we had to contend with, in having this Grand Chapter established. It has only been by the undying perseverance and stick-to-itiveness of some of the Companions who will respond to this Toast that the Grand Chapter of Alberta was ever formed and that it has succeeded. If the Grand Chapter of Alberta had not been formed, the chances are we would never have had the sister Grand Chapters of British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but through the energy and perseverance of these Companions our Grand Chapter was formed and its history written.

I think it is not necessary for me to say anything further in proposing this toast, except to introduce the Companions who will speak to you in response. Our M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, the First Grand Principal, M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankine, M. E. Comp. Geo. B. Macleod, and M. E. Comp. Wm. T. Coote, of Leduc. Companions, I would ask you to fill your glasses and drink to the Grand Chapter of Alberta. (Toast).

M. E. Comp. S. Y. TAYLOR: Mr. Toastmaster and Companions, I accept this courtesy shown to me on the part of the proposer in placing my name as the first responder to one of the most, if not the most important, toast of the evening. However, I am very glad indeed that I am to be supported by three First Grand Z's. of this Grand Jurisdiction, whose voices we have not yet heard this afternoon or evening. I had the honour, if not the pleasure, of addressing the Companions who assembled this afternoon, in the Grand Chapter Room. There I spoke upon the subjects of the Past, the Present and the possible Future, of this Grand Chapter. There I took occasion to explain to the Companions who were present and there was a large number present, the reasons which we had in mind or the purposes which we had in mind when we organized this Grand Chapter and the necessity for it, the legitimate processes which were followed out in the institution of our Grand Chapter and gave a brief history of what transpired during the early years after its formation, followed by a very brief statement of the splendid work which has been done by this Grand Chapter since its inception just ten years ago and as your First Grand Principal I never have been prouder of our Capitulary Masonry in this Province than I am at the present. I will leave it to my Companions, who are supporting me, to make what reference they choose with regard to the present standing of our Grand Chapter. I will not attempt to reiterate in any way what I said this afternoon. Just a word or two, my Companions, I join with Ex. Comp. Webster, the esteemed Mayor of our City, in his words of welcome, not only to the various representatives of the various Chapters in this Province but also to our distinguished guests from the great plains to the East and also from the Province just across the Great Divide on the West. We are delighted to have them with us. It helps to form and cement that bond of unity and goodwill and fraternity which exists from ocean to ocean. We were pioneers in this work. There is only one regret, so far as I am concerned, with regard to this gathering and that is the fact that we are not honoured by a representative from our mother Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Canada. We had the pleasure on several occasions in the past of welcoming the head of Capitulary Masonry in Canada from that Grand Chapter but unfortunately their representative was not able to be present tonight. This we regret as we would have been very very pleased indeed to have joined hands with our mother Grand Chapter, as well as with our sister Grand Chapters to the right and to the left of us and to wish them God-speed. Our Excellent Companion, the Mayor, has made a brief reference to what Capitulary Masonry is doing and can do as an institution. That theme is an interesting one. No gathering, such as we have tonight can take place without having a certain influence

in this City and in this Community. Masonry is essentially a character building institution. Someone has briefly said, "Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings, and Clowns that caper in sawdust rings and common folk like you and me are builders for Eternity? To each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass and a book of rules, and each must make ere life is flown, a stumbling block or a stepping stone." Therefore, my good Companions, it has been our privilege, it has been our opportunity, let us see to it that we live up to those privileges. Exalt the fundamental principles upon which our institution is founded and see to it that so far as we individually are concerned we are living exponents of the principles which we are enjoined to practice. I thank you. (Prolonged applause).

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, if between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific there is a better old scout than the M. E. Comp. I am going to call upon now I have not met him. M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankine. (Hear, hear) (applause). We are going to sing No. 9. "Boys of the Old Brigade."

M. E. Comp. J. N. RANKIN: There is one very great advantage, I see, in following M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, who says all that I could say and, therefore, I endorse every word that he has said. I am something like the two candidates who were contending for election. One had made an election speech, a very eloquent one and had promised a great deal and when his opponent got up to speak he said, "Them is my sentiments too, and I will do just what he says." (Laughter). Now I am not going to say anything about the troubles which we have had. We never had any troubles in Alberta, not a particle; of course, there were dark days but the sun is always shining somewhere in the darkest days and our sun was shining and it is shining today and it is going to shine as long as the Province of Alberta lasts. I thank you. (Applause.)

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Two darkies dropped into a political meeting one evening and after awhile one said to the other, "Who is that man talking?" The other fellow said, "I don't know but he does most highly recommend himself." (Laughter.) Now, after you have heard M. E. Comp. George McLeod, you will see how nicely this little story fits in. (Laughter.)

M. E. Comp. GEORGE McLEOD: All I can say is that I am glad you are not all tongue tied. M. E. Sirs and Companions, I feel just in the same mood as my very dear friend, Dad Rankin. I am always gratified when M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor precedes me in addressing a meeting, because he says just the thing I would like to say in the way that I would like to say it myself, were I capable. There is a story I heard sometime ago that has to do with saying things, saying them shortly, saying very little and saying them at the right time. There was an old lady who was given to always saying the wrong thing at the wrong time or the right time, just as you like it, and it happened that her neighbor's husband had died, and he had died by his own hand by hanging himself in his attic and the old lady said to her daughter, "Mrs. Jones must be very disconsolate, I think I will go over and cheer her up a little bit", and her daughter said, "Now, mother, you know your own failing, you are always saying something at the wrong time." "No," she said, "I will be very careful." And so she went over and when she got there she said, "Good day, Mrs. Jones." "Good afternoon, Mrs. Brown." She says, "You have been washing today." She said, "Yes." Then Mrs. Jones continued, "And a very disagreeable day for washing, but you don't need to mind because you have such a lovely attic for hanging things in." (Laughter). Now, gentlemen, I feel tonight in speaking to this toast that I am one

of the Past Grand Principals of this Grand Chapter who has greatly benefitted by the labours of others. In the early days when this Grand Chapter was first spoken of, I had the honour and the pleasure of collaborating with some of the others in the Northern part of the Province in the interests of this Grand Chapter, but as you know there was a certain little trouble started and some of us had to go away and when we came back from overseas we found the Grand Chapter of Alberta a full fledged Chapter; a very healthy individual indeed, and tonight it is indeed a great pleasure to me to join with the others in responding to this toast to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, on this, it's Tenth Anniversary. We are indeed proud of the progress which we have made but we feel that we have only started; that we have all the years and all the days before us, if we are just big enough to grasp the opportunities which lie before our doors, then our success is assured. We are glad also to have with us tonight these representatives from other Grand Chapters of Western Canada. They have noted the great progress which we have made in Capitular Masonry in Alberta and they are following our example. And they are going out on every hand, they are creating that great band of Grand Chapters throughout the world making for the uplift and the development of humanity. We find that Masonry is spreading by leaps and bounds throughout the length and breadth of this Country and not throughout this country alone, but throughout the whole world, binding us together in service under a common, golden bond. I am not going to attempt to make a speech tonight. There are other speakers more capable than I, but I am very glad to have this opportunity of joining with you in honouring this toast and thanking you for the splendid manner in which you have honoured it. I do, however, before I sit down, wish to thank His Worship, the Mayor of Calgary, for the welcome which he has extended to us, those of us who come from outside the City of Calgary. I am not prepared to admit that you have the best city in Alberta or the best city in the country, but I will admit that you have one of the best. We have another—the one up north. But I will say this, I am sure all those from outside the City of Calgary will join with me when I make this statement, that you have here a bunch of the very finest scouts to be found anywhere in the Province of Alberta or in any other part of this country. (Applause). Now, I am not going to weary you, I am just going again to thank you for the splendid manner in which you have honoured this toast. Let me appeal to each one of you, each member of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, to realize his responsibility, the individual responsibility, that each member must accept, together with the responsibility laid on the shoulders of the officers at the head of the organization, because after all it is the job of the individual man to see that our work is carried out in a manner which will go down to history in the interests of our common cause. Masonry is a matter of service, a matter of character building of our own character, service to God and the uplift of humanity. Let that be our great object, Companions, that when our history is finally written it may be said that we have not failed in the great purpose for which we were brought into being. I thank you, M. E. Sir. (Applause).

M. E. Comp. JOHNSON: Companions, we expected to have with us three other Past Grand Principals in the persons of M.E. Comps. Robert Patterson, Norman T. Macleod and Melvin M. Downey, but I regret that we have not the pleasure of having them with us. We have, however, with us, the Immediate Past Grand First Principal, commonly known as Bill Coote, he comes from Leduc, which is a suburb of Edmonton. Now, his occupation is that of general merchant and in honour of that occupation and in honour of our friend Bill Coote, I am going to ask you to sing No. 26. (Song). "Yes, we have No Pyjamas."

M. E. COMP. COOTE: Mr. Toastmaster and Companions, the song reminds me of a little true story that happened in the town of Red Deer when I was living there. I had one in opposition to me, a gentleman who was in the Gent's Furnishing business. A companion of ours went to him one day, and wanted what is commonly known as a nightshirt. He said to him, "Have you any evening shirts?" He said, "No, I have not." "Well," he says, "Have you a nightshirt?" and he said, "No sir, but I have pajamas." (Laughter). Now I did not know that I was to make a speech tonight, or would be called upon to say anything until after I arrived here, and saw my name on the program and on the toast list. I think that possibly our M. E. First Principal wanted to see how many he could put in the same position as he claimed to be in himself this afternoon. They say that misery likes company and he probably likes to have plenty of company too. (Laughter). From the remarks which I have heard so far I see he has been slipping one over on us. I feel quite a bit like the little boy who had been eating rather too much watermelon. He was not very well and his mother finally called the Doctor, a colored one, and the Doctor came in and he said, "It is a case of too much watermelon." The boy answered, "No, Dr., it is not a case of too much watermelon, it is a case of not enough boy." (Laughter). I feel quite a lot like that. However, Companions, I feel it an honour to be called upon to respond to this toast. I am always very pleased to be with you and to meet all the old friends. I was just saying to my Companion on the left here from B.C., that I always feel the time is well spent when I come to a Grand Chapter gathering of any kind; if it is for no other reason than the meeting with old friends that I only meet when I come to a gathering of this kind. There is not any better lot of fellows than we meet here and there throughout our country. I have noticed this year in travelling around, and in the past year, that wherever I go there is always one or two fellows, good solid fellows, that accept the responsibility for keeping the Chapter alive in their particular town. They are not saying much, but they are doing a whole lot. Go where you will, you will find them. You will go into one town and you will think, "Well that town ought to be shaking hands with itself and patting itself on the back for having that fellow living in this town," and then you go into the next town and you find they have one there. No town has a corner on them, not even Calgary, and you have a lot of good ones here. I thanked the Companions once before and I want to do it again now as well for the reception which you have given us today, and also for the support which they gave me in my year of office. On the two occasions especially of my trips to Bassano and to Drumheller, no place could have given me, I do not believe, the unqualified support which I got from the City of Calgary.

Now we have referred to the past. As I say, I had no speech prepared. I did not know that I was going to be called upon to give one. But there are one or two things that I would like to say in regard to the Grand Chapter of Alberta or what I believe we should take into serious consideration. We have passed the first ten years of our life. The first few years of it were rather strenuous. We have now gotten to easy sailing. The last year, the year of my office, I think was the most peaceful and harmonious which has ever been in the history of our Grand Chapter; not because I was at the head, but because we had all gotten down to working together and everything was peace and harmony. Now it seems to me we could look ahead and make up our minds what we are going to do in the next ten years. I do not mean as a body, but as a body of men individually, because that is the way that I believe Masonry can do it's best work and whenever I get thinking along this line my mind goes to one of the Chapter officers and I have often wondered why they have not given him a more

responsible position than he holds in our Grand Chapter. That is Nehemiah. I think I have said this once or twice before, that any of you Companions who have not read up who Nehemiah was, and what he did, it might be time well spent if you cannot find any other time to do it, for you to take some lone Sunday afternoon, when you do not know what else to do and get out your Bible and read it up and find out who Nehemiah was and what he did. Briefly, he was this: he was the King's cup bearer in Egypt; was it not Egypt he was in? Anyway it was not in his own country, but he was the King's cup bearer, and he had a soft job and lived in the Palace; but when one of his countrymen, or a deputation of them, came to him and asked him to go and help them rebuild their city, the City of Jerusalem, which represented a big job, (it had been destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar as you know), he gave up his soft job—he didn't have to—and he took on a job of real work. He went back with his countrymen and with a trowel in his hand helped to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Now our Grand Chapter refers to the rebuilding of those walls. Today I think we need more than anything else to rebuild the walls. During the last ten years, while this Grand Chapter was being formed, this world has been rent asunder and we have to rebuild it and the way we can rebuild it is by every man getting out and doing his part. I do not believe any Grand Chapter Mason has any right to shirk his part in any good work which is being undertaken today and there is lots of it lying around. I know it is much easier to say "Let George do it." There are a lot of us today who are quite willing to do that. We have a lot of good fellows in Capitular Masonry in Calgary and Edmonton and all over Alberta, but I do not believe we are all working on the job. It reminds me of the story of the little boy, when the Preacher asked him if his father was a Christian, he said, "Yes, but he is not working at it just now"; and there are a whole lot of Masons, while they are Masons they are not working very hard at it. If you do not believe me start out some day and try and get some fellow to do some job which will mean to him some sacrifice, which will mean perhaps giving up his Sunday morning or his Sunday afternoon to go down and take hold of a class of boys that needs a man to give them some instruction and you will find them all making excuses. Now Companions, I believe it is up to each and every one of us—there are influences that work today as there never were before, in my mind to tear down the walls and to keep us from building them up again and, as I say, it is up to you and to me and to everyone else in our Great Order to see that the walls are kept repaired. I do not know whether you noticed the other day the number of candidates which were put through a certain organization on the 24th of May or on the 25th. I am going to tell you gentlemen that that organization is not asleep at the switch and whenever it goes out and asks one of its men to come and work for it, that man works, but with us we are more liable to say, "Let the other fellow do it" and we are more liable to think that some of the jobs are women's jobs. I believe one of the greatest needs which we have today, and I do not think I am going outside of Masonry when I say this, because in every degree of Masonry, so far as I have gone, we are admonished to study the volume of the Sacred Law; I say one of the greatest needs which we have today is a greater familiarity with the contents of that Volume of the Sacred Law. I do not believe in my time, and I am not very old, and I believe we might go back over the last two or three centuries and I do not believe you will find a time where the leaves of the Bible have been turned as little as they have been turned in the last ten years. I firmly believe it is up to us to turn them a little more and to study them a little harder. If we take that volume and live up to its teachings we do not need to fear. That which we find in the volume of the Sacred Law, it seems to me is the very bond and sinew of Masonry. If we will read that story and find out what it teaches, read the story of Nehemiah and of those

other men that we are told about in the volume of the Sacred Law and then let us go out and try and practise those teachings, there should be no fear for the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The reflex influences will be so great that when we come ten years from now to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of this Grand Chapter we will find that we have been marching straight ahead and that we have no cause for fear what that gathering will be like.

Mr. Toastmaster, I am not going to detain you any longer. I would like again to thank the Calgary Companions for the way they have received those of us who come from the outside. I also would like to say that although I do not live in the best City in Alberta I do live in the best town in Alberta. If you don't believe me, ask the C.P.R. Agent. We have more merchants, more men in business in the town of Leduc for its size than in any town in Alberta, except Smoky Lake. They tell me that has as many. But we have a town of 750 people and we have 9 men selling groceries, 8 selling boots and shoes and 5 selling hardware. I am not talking shop, but I would like to give you a few statistics because some of you think that Leduc is no place at all.

I also would like to extend greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to our distinguished visitors from the outside jurisdictions and to wish them all the prosperity in their Grand Chapters which we have had in the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I thank you. (Applause).

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: Now Companions, we will be favored with a song by Brother Max Bishop. (Applause).

(Song by Max Bishop).

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: Companions, the next toast is in the hands of R. E. Comp. Middleton.

R. E. COMP. MIDDLETON: Mr. Toastmaster and Companions, it seems to me that in commencing to propose this toast tonight I ought first to be man enough to stand up for my own Country. We have been hearing all night about the wonderful City of Calgary and that wonderful town called Edmonton and then we finish up with that small two by four place called Leduc, but I must tell you first and foremost that I happened to blow in this morning from that windy town of Macleod and when I say "blew in," that conveys enough to any old timer. While the people of both Calgary and Edmonton rightly boast of their traditions and their ancient landmarks there is none here tonight who can even compare with famous Macleod. Why, in a few days time we will be celebrating our jubilee, 50 years of age, in the Canadian West, so I think Macleod has a great deal over Edmonton and Calgary. If I remember rightly there is a story told about a Macleod citizen going to Heaven. I know it is unusual, but in this case he went there, and of course the Proverbial St. Peter met him at the gate and said, "Where did you say you came from?" and the man without hesitation said, "Oh I came from Macleod." "Well," says St. Peter, "you can come in but I don't think you'll like it." (Laughter).

However, one thing that I also thought about in proposing this toast was a certain story which is told about Andrew Carnegie; he once asked, "Which is the most important of the three, labour, brains or capital?" and naturally, being a Scotchman, he said, "Well, which is the most important leg of a three-legged stool?" (Laughter). And in proposing the toast tonight to our distinguished visitors I am very much like Andrew Carnegie, I do not know which to speak about first, because there are three here and three over there and I want, of course, to

emulate the canny Scotchman by giving credit where credit is due. I noticed also all through the evening, that every Speaker has been following out that old motto, "Brevity is the soul of wit," and I think I will follow out that same scheme tonight, because I know once a Parson gets on his feet, most people sit back and settle themselves comfortably and say, "Well let us go to sleep." (Laughter).

In this case, it reminds me of a story—I will come back immediately to the toast—it reminds me of a story of a certain Scotchman who got in the habit of preaching his thirdly, fourthly, fifthly, sixthly and sometimes he even went to the seventeenthly. Every Sunday night he noticed the moment he gave out his text his congregation would settle themselves deeply in their seats and in most cases would go off to sleep. This went on for several weeks, probably several months (it might in Scotland, I don't know), I have not been there. One Monday morning the Parson went to the church and there he saw Sandy, the sexton, and it immediately put an idea into his head, so he went back home and said to his good wife, "for many weeks the congregation have been going to sleep when I am preaching" and she says, "I think it is time that was stopped," and he said, "Sandy is down in the church now and I am going to start on him because I notice he is one of the worst." So he went back to the church and he said, "Sandy, every Sunday when I give out my text I see you hide your face behind the pillar and you go to sleep," "Now," he says, "I don't want you to do that; a Sexton should set a good example and should sit up and take notice." Sandy put his fingers in his vest pocket and pulled out a box and he said, "your Reverence, you see this, you take this," and he handed him a box of snuff and said, "you put some snuff into your sermons and that will keep me awake." (Laughter). From what I know of our distinguished visitors they are going to put snuff into their speeches and that will keep us awake.

In proposing this toast, really and sincerely, I am not insensible to the great honour done to me by being asked to bring greetings to our distinguished visitors, but I would like for a few moments to forget the name or the title of the distinguished visitors and just call them Brethren. Undoubtedly when we have a brother from the Coast and another from Manitoba and another from Saskatchewan, it sounds much better to speak of them as a visiting brother rather than a distinguished visitor and I know from the few minutes conversation, which I have had with one of them, he desires much rather to be called a visiting brother than a distinguished visitor. However, the call went forth from the Grand Chapter of Alberta to the sister jurisdictions asking them to come here and assist us, not only to enjoy ourselves, but to emulate the traditions which have been established by the Grand Chapter of Alberta. While we know the Grand Chapter of Alberta is quite an infant, yet we have been told today that these other jurisdictions are still younger. However, I am told they have quite a lusty voice and if that means anything I think the sooner I leave it to the lustier voices to speak for themselves, the better it will be for us tonight.

I must say, however, one thing in asking you to drink with me this toast, and that is, as the balmy zephyrs blow over the Coast from British Columbia and as our worthy distinguished visitors and Brethren return probably tomorrow to Manitoba there to grow more "No. 1 hard" and our Brethren return to the windswept plains of Saskatchewan where they have the happy faculty of assimilating immigrants into good citizens, if they take back the sincere prayers of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the warm wishes of the Companions here of Alberta, they will find that their trip here has not been of no avail. It has been my experience and I agree with what George Bernard Shaw said a few

weeks ago in the Old Country in speaking of Royal Arch Masonry. "So far as I know, what any Companion ever gets out of Royal Arch Masonry is just a little more than he puts into it." And I think after the spirit which has been shown here today our distinguished brethren will return knowing that the Grand Chapter of Alberta is standing foursquare, standing true to the Masonic Ideals and Principles. We wish them God-speed, so I ask you to rise with me and drink to the health of our Distinguished Brethren. (Toast to our Distinguished Brethren.)

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: M. E. Comp. McCauley, the Grand Z. of Saskatchewan.

M. E. COMP. McCAULEY: Mr. Toastmaster and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I thank you very heartily for the very splendid reception which you have given to me and to the other visitors here today. I am reminded somewhat of a story I heard yesterday about a ducky who was given very much to worrying. He would worry on every possible occasion. Eliza said to him one day, she said, "Rastus, what are you worrying about today?" "Oh," he says, "Liza, I have got a lot to worry about. I just have been thinking about what it says in the Good Book when I die and when I get those big wings on me and when I am given the white robe to wear," he says, "I am worrying about how I am going to get that white robe on over my wings." Liza said, "I agree you have a lot to worry about, but," she said, "Rastus, you are worrying about the wrong thing. What you should worry about is not how you will get the white robe over your wings, but how you are going to get your hat on over them horns." (Laughter). Before I came here I was worrying about what I would say to you Companions here this evening, but since I got here my worries are of an entirely different nature. I am worrying how, with this cold I have, I am going to make myself heard at all, if I attempt to make any kind of an address. So I have made up my mind not to attempt anything of that kind because I am sure there are a number in the room here who could not hear me at all if I attempted to do so.

It is a great pleasure to me to be back here in this City of Calgary. It may be news to many of you, but I was once a resident of this City. I lived in Calgary for over three years when it used to be a part of the Northwest Territory. I came to Calgary in the Spring of '86 and was a resident here until the Fall of '89 when I moved down to Moose Jaw where I have made my home ever since. I am not going to say I went to Moose Jaw because I considered it was a better place in which to live than Calgary was, because in those days I don't think it was. (Laughter). Force of circumstances compelled the change, so I went to Moose Jaw and it was my endeavors, when I got there, and got established, to help in making it equal with Calgary. Now, whether we have succeeded or not I will not say, but I think Moose Jaw, if it is not as good a city or a better City than Calgary, is a very good City and it is a City in which I am proud to live and proud to be connected with. I am also proud to be connected with the Baby Chapter of Saskatchewan, we are proud indeed of this big bold sister of ours here in Alberta, because we recognize it was you, Companions of Alberta, that gave us the back bone and gave us the courage to make the move and to start a Grand Chapter of our own. They say "Happy is that Country which has no history." We are very much in the same position in Saskatchewan. We have just been formed about a year now, we have very little history, but it is our intention to make the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan a Grand Chapter that you will be proud of as your little sister. We are taking our place along with the other Grand Chapters and we are getting recognition. We have been recognized now by some 30 odd Grand Chapters throughout the Masonic

World. The Grand Chapter of Alberta was one of the first Grand Chapters to give us recognition. We were proud of that, we were proud of the encouragement which you gave us when we were starting off. We had some correspondence with your Grand Scribe E. who gave us a great deal of valuable information and assistance. You have no idea here in Alberta just what you are accomplishing as a Grand Chapter and as Royal Arch Masons. You have many privileges. It is a great thing for this Province that scattered throughout the length and the breadth of it you have your Chapters in the various cities, towns and villages. You are a force in the community. There is no question about that. You are doing a good work throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. You remember the old sojourners. When you speak of the Royal Arch you think of something over you. No Arch is as perfect possibly as the Rainbow in the sky and when we think of Royal Arch Masonry, probably we think of it as a Rainbow. Now those sojourners of old, they did not have to climb up on that Rainbow to make any discoveries. They found it right on the earth and that is something which we should keep in mind, that the good which we do, the inspirations which we get and the lessons which we learn are not above us but they are right here on the level, and can be discovered and observed by every man. "One ship sails East, another sails West, while the self same breezes blow. It is not the wind, it is not the gale, but the set of the sail that determines the way they go." "So is it with men in their journey through life, if their station be high or low, it is the set of the sail which determines the goal, whither it be weel or woe." (Applause.)

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: I am now going to call on R. E. Comp. Moulden, the Grand Scribe E. of Manitoba.]

R. E. COMP. MOULDEN: Mr. Toastmaster and Companions toba, I wish that I had ample eloquence to convey to you how much I appreciate being with you tonight and how much I congratulate you on the successful growth which you have made during the ten years you have been in existence. The first speaker this eveing, your Worship, the Mayor, referred to ideals. I think about every Speaker since has also referred to ideals. The ideal of the resident of Calgary is that Calgary itself is the ideal City; we go further north and we hear from the Representative of Edmonton that Edmonton is the ideal City. We hear from Leduc and that is the same way, and the representative from Saskatchewan almost desired to convey to you that Moose Jaw was the ideal City. Let me tell you nobody wants to buy it for the taxes they owe. It is all the way you tell a story brethren. I heard a story the other day of a chap who was applying for life insurance and in filling out the insurance forms to make this application, amongst the questions asked was, "Is your father dead or alive?" "Dead." "How did he die?" "Well, he was attending a public function and the platform gave way and he died." (Laughter). Now, when I attended here this evening I wondered what I could say that would be of any interest to the brethren and Companions whom I had met during my visit here, because I believe that all of you average up a little bit better than I do as a Speaker or Thinker, but, however, it is one of the privileges, or inconveniences, whichever way you look at it, that a representative from somewhere out of town is expected to make a speech and after listening to the various speakers it seemed to me that if the time would warrant it I could talk to you for about an hour and tell you some of the impressions which I have gained since coming here. One of the things that appealed to me very strongly tonight, was a part of the address of your Past Most Ex. Z. Brethren, I am afraid, while we talk very glibly in Chapter meetings and in Lodge meetings of our Volume of the Sacred Law, it stands open at a certain place and we do not bother to turn the leaves over as that M. E. Comp. said, and if

we did we would be better men in consequence. We all have responsibilities in this life. I want to recite you a little poem which I copied a short time ago which I think fits all of us. It was entitled: "Myself."

"Myself."

"I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able, as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye.
I do not want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I have done.
I want to go out with my head erect.
I want to deserve all mens' respect.
To work in the struggle for fame and pelf,
I want to be able to like myself.
I do not want to look at myself and know,
That I am bluff and bluster, and empty show.
I never can hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know;
I never could fail myself and so,
Whatever happens I want to be
Self respecting and conscience free."

Brethren, if we will only look at ourselves and know ourselves, George will be a better man and a better Mason in consequence.

Respecting my own Grand Chapter and referring to the first remarks which I made on ideals, we have ideals. I think we could have no better ideal than the hope that ten years or nine years from now we may be in the proud position that the Companions of Alberta are in today, that we may have grown three-fold. Three is such a beautiful symbol in Masonry that we cannot get away from it. It strikes us whichever way we move. We have three degrees in the Blue and when we have acquired those three degrees in the Blue, if we take them to heart and the teaching we have acquired, we have everything that God can give us that can make us better men. We have three degrees in the Royal Arch. When it comes to the Grand Honours, we give them three times three or nine and then follow it up by three times three and three mixes us up with Masonry whichever way we turn. You have grown three-fold in ten years. My earnest ideal is, that I may hope and I believe with the officers which we have now, interested in Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba, that we may modestly hope that when our ten year Anniversary comes along we will be as proud as you are today and I wish to congratulate you upon the success which you have shown. I am sure your Province is a better Province because you have three times as many Royal Arch Masons today as were here ten years ago and may God speed you. (Applause).

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: Companions, a year ago I had the pleasure of visiting the Province of British Columbia and I can say that in all my life I was never better treated nor did I receive so many courtesies as I did on that short trip. We have with us tonight the representative of the Grand First Principal of British Columbia in the person of R. E. Comp. Adams, of Revelstoke, who was commanded by the Grand Z. to be with us at this Tenth Anniversary and I call now upon R. E. Comp. Adams.

R. E. COMP. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman and Companions and His Worship, the Mayor, it is a pleasure for me to be here this evening with you. When I was commanded by the Most Excellent Grand Z. of British Columbia, I felt he had made some mistake as I was not

qualified to fill such an important position as his representative at this Grand Chapter. When I return to British Columbia I will take back the Fraternal Greetings of this Grand Chapter to the M. E. Grand Z. and to the Grand Chapter and I hope on the 18th day of June that if any of you Companions of Alberta, who will be able to attend the Grand Chapter of British Columbia in Vancouver will do so, I can assure you that you will receive a most hearty welcome. His Worship, the Mayor, spoke about Calgary being the best City in the world. The reason for that is, I suppose, because a Royal Arch Mason is the Mayor. That is the same with British Columbia. All the Mayors of the important cities in British Columbia are Masons and Vancouver is a better city than Calgary because the Mayor is a Grand Master. (Laughter). Vancouver expects in ten years from now to have a population of a half a million people, and the reason for that will be the wheat on the Prairies, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba included. The Grand Chapter of British Columbia has been in existence five years and it has almost duplicated its membership during that time and by ten years I have no doubt it will be more than three times its present membership today, because there are new Chapters forming every year. This is my second visit to Calgary. The last visit I was right royally entertained in 1920, I think, by the Knight Templars of Calgary and on this occasion by the Royal Arch Masons and I can thank you and I wish the Grand Chapter of Alberta every success in the future. Thank you, Companions.

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: Companions, before calling on Brother George Bell for a song, in honour of our visiting Companions I am going to ask you to sing No. 41.

(Song No. 41). "Come Round Any Old Time and Make Yourselves at HOME."

(Song by Brother George Bell.)

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: Companions it was our intention to close the evening at eleven o'clock, we have a few minutes yet and I notice around the room many of the oldtimers in Royal Arch Masonry, so I am going to call on three of those who took a large part in the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, V. E. Comp. Lent, R. E. Comp. Doctor Stanley and R. E. Comp. Fred Selwood.

V. E. COMP. LENT: M. E. Past Principals and M. E. Companions of the various Grand Chapters, I am glad to have the opportunity to express just one word of congratulation upon the success of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and to say that it makes the endeavors of those of us who had some little part to do or play in the organization of this Grand Chapter of some use, when we hear other representatives from neighboring jurisdictions say that they are emulating or endeavoring to do so the part which we took, not too early, perhaps not too late. In all undertakings that are worth while you must have workmen in every department of the work or undertaking. Having lived in Ontario where I was exalted and having taken an interest in Capitular Masonry as one of the rank and file, never having held office of any kind, never having sought office of any kind, I feel that I can reach with my mind another member from the rank and file and as the difficulties present themselves to me in my particular or peculiar line of profession, I feel to those difficulties I did bring material from the quarry as one of the workmen, that seems to fit in and having taken perhaps a part that made itself felt in the removing of those imaginary difficulties, because they were imaginary, it is the fulfilment of one of my greatest desires in life to have met and again fraternize in no perfunctory manner with those splendid big men, with those outstanding

figures, in Capitular Masonry in the Dominion of Canada and to have those Companions say to me that those difficulties were imaginary and that when we set them aside, standing on our right at one time, neither asking nor giving quarter, because we felt that the cause that we represented at one stage of the game demanded that we fight and having stood four-square to the wind of adversity, we perhaps did more in our firmness than we could have accomplished if we had facilitated with some of those questions and when my preceptor in the early stages of my chosen profession, M. E. Comp. Daniel Fraser MacWatt, and his predecessors and his successors in office said that within their own precincts they found those records which put beyond all doubt that the error was theirs, it made it eminently worth while for the time that I had spent in writing a couple of pamphlets, that perhaps had, I say it without apology, as much to do in unearthing and bringing to this Great Temple of ours those stones which stood and today stand at the very foundation of the Grand Chapter and which will be, as it grows older, a brighter and more substantial ornament in Capitular Masonry.

I do not intend to trespass on your time as much as I would like to do. I find as I grow older that my sphere of usefulness is best served in making for myself in my own particular way those avenues that lead or point me to the best results and it is not found in regular attendance upon those Lodges, from the first degree to the last of which it has been my privilege and pleasure to attain, and, whether I feel comfortable myself or not, in performing that duty which lies close at hand and doing it in the way that I can best do it according to the light given to me, I feel that I am answering the great demand made upon me when I took, as I knelt at the altar, and took upon me, as I did, the pledges or made pledges to emulate in life and conduct those great principles upon which Masonry from the first to the last degree depends for its ultimate success and that is not found, perhaps in filling any particular office from the lowest to the highest, but it is found in serving as best one can be permitted to serve, according to his own dictates and according to his own case, if you like and according to his opportunities for doing good. The volume of the Sacred Law is the foundation, there is no doubt about that, I admire, as I have admired on many occasions, the expression from that man Coote, our M. E. Comp. Coote, when he tells us and points us to the way or means of answering the end of our Creation and of understanding something of the wonders and beauties of the Great Architect of the Universe.

There is no doubt about the success of the other Grand Chapters if my best wishes will bespeak for them the success that I know will attend their efforts. If my best wishes were necessary they have them right from the inwardness of my heart, expressed with all the power and feeling with which I am possessed, that they may reach the representatives of our Sister Grand Lodges or Grand Chapters, and there is none other nearer to my heart than the Grand Chapter of Canada because we are perhaps better friends than we would have been had it not been that, like mountains, these difficulties invited us and we surmounted and climbed them. I thank you, Sir (Applause).

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: R. E. Comp. Doctor Stanley.

R. E. COMP. DR. STANLEY: Mr. Toastmaster, your Worship, R. E. Comps. and Companions, I did not expect to say anything tonight but now that you have called upon me I may say that while we have been speaking about this celebration of the Grand Chapter, there has been running through my mind the pioneer position which the Chapter Masons of Alberta hold in connection with Masonry in Canada and

particularly in Western Canada. I came to Western Canada, the Province of Alberta, a good many years ago as a very young man. I landed in Calgary and later decided to go to the south country. Coming from that old Province of Ontario, where everything was staid, set and conservatism surrounded us in our every act, in our every word and we were as careful of what we did as we were of spending a nickel. When I took the train to go south to the old town of High River, where Masonry has established itself so firmly and where the best Masons incidentally come from, I am from there, so did Tom and some of the rest of them (laughter), when I took that train I got the impression, well the men out in the West are ready to take a chance, a fair chance, and when I got off that old train that went humpty dumpty over all the bumps that the railway provided and went off the track now and again and we helped to get it on again, and when I came to a little lake and the train backed up and the engineer and the fireman loaded in a whole lot of wood to get the fire going while they took a running hop, step and jump at the lake they had to go through, I began to get the impression in my mind that these fellows were ready to take a fair chance, and when I got to High River and went over to the old saloon where we had to put up and was given a room over the old bar, I knew they were taking lots of chances down below and that very night when \$21,600 was the stake which was won in a game of black jack, I said, "These fellows are real sports and are ready to take a fair chance" and they did. The country then began to team with incomers bringing in their stock. The dogies, (cattle) which were brought in from Manitoba that same Spring, 150 of them I saw, brought in in one day, and within a week's time they were all driven in front of one of our famous windstorms and went up against a barbed wire fence and stayed there, I said those fellows are ready to take a chance are they not?

When we came to facing the proposition of getting ready in this pioneer country this stalwart sentiment which belongs to men in a pioneer country manifested itself on every hand and so when we came into Masonry and when the time did come that the pioneers for the Province of Alberta should start out in the field of Capitular Masonry they were prepared to do it and they took a chance and it is a good thing for Capitular Masonry in Alberta that the Chapter Masons in Alberta did take a chance, because we have established here, during the last ten years, a Grand Chapter of which we are very well proud so I, as one of those Masons, who took a very small part, but still was on the outside watching and stepping in wherever I could do a little bit, joining with M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor and our Companion, our present Toastmaster, and all the other Companions who were doing the real work and who were giving us a little bit to do here and a little bit to do there, we felt we were part, of those who were doing some of the pioneer work, which was necessary for the establishment of Capitular Masonry on a better basis in this Western country and so today we stand well started on a good firm foundation, honourably laid, well laid and well built upon and we look to the future with every hope. We are sanguine that we are on a base, on a sound base, which has been laid and upon that base we will build a super-structure which will stand to the credit of those who have done the pioneer work for Capitular Masonry in Western Canada. (Applause).

M. [E. COMP. JOHNSON: R. E. Comp. Fred. Selwood.

R. E. COMP. FRED. SELWOOD: M. E. Sir, Mr. Toastmaster, M. E. Companions and Companions: I have listened today to the address given by our first Grand First Principal and to the addresses which have been delivered here tonight with a great deal of interest and they have given, not only a great deal of instruction, but I am

sure, a great deal of encouragement to all the other Companions and to myself and I trust that the address given in the Grand Chapter room this afternoon will be read in every Chapter in this jurisdiction sometime during the next few months. We were indeed fortunate in having the leadership of M. E. Comp. Taylor in that initial work in erecting the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The results which were attained in the first few years demonstrated the soundness of the methods which had been adopted in the formation of this Grand Chapter. In the few short years the action taken ten years ago today was recognized as the proper and appropriate course to take by the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta by every Grand Jurisdiction in Capitular Masonry throughout the world. We have had in our experience as a Grand Chapter a demonstration of this principle, that Masonry is an organization which, though founded upon the ideal of peace, is well able to compose their grave and serious differences of opinion upon the claim of intellectual discussion. We are, as an organization, whether it be in the realm of the Blue Lodge or in Capitular Masonry, demonstrating to the world at large that there are ways of settling, of composing differences of opinion without going into the struggle and realm of brute force and I think today, one of the great things of this institution, this fraternity of Free Masonry, is doing, is that very thing, evidencing to the thinking people who are outside of our fraternity the fact that questions upon which men may differ may be met, may be discussed and may be settled to the mutual satisfaction of those concerned by treating those problems in the light of fairmindedness and of sound judgment. That is the splendid thing for men to do. There perhaps never was a time in the history of the world when that thing needed doing so much as it does at the present time and I feel, therefore, that we today who have met in this Anniversary Celebration, feel that we, in our local position here, have contributed in no small measure to the advancement of Masonic progress and the increase and the spread of that spirit of good-fellowship and of good-will for which our Order stands throughout the world. It has been a source of very keen regret to me that M. E. Comp. Downey has not been able to be with us in this celebration today. Those of us here, who remember the first few years of the existence of this Grand Chapter, during which he acted as Grand Scribe E., will recall the very untiring efforts put forth by him in cementing together and moulding the various constituent parts of Capitular Masonry in this Province, while we are all glad to have had a part, I know of no member who at the time or since has taken a keener interest in the welfare of the Grand Chapter of Alberta than our M. E. Comp. Downey and we miss him today indeed, from the meeting this afternoon and from our banquet table tonight.

The hour is getting on and I do not wish to transgress longer on your time. I wish to say that it has been a great pleasure to me to meet the Companions from the other Jurisdictions and I join with the others in tendering to them our very best wishes for their future prosperity and success. I think meetings such as we have had today are symbolic of the fact that this institution of Capitular Masonry in this Province is making headway, not only in the sense that we are increasing our numbers, that is a gradual process, but that we are in our institution developing among our Companions a sense of their responsibility as Masons, as Royal Arch Masons. I was particularly pleased with the statement contained in the address this afternoon, that this Grand Chapter, during the ten years of its existence, had expended a very considerable sum in benevolence. This is an evidence that we are taking to heart the real responsibility which lie upon us as brethren, one to another. I wish to thank you, M. E. Sir, for this opportunity of saying a few words and to hope that we may all be spared to join again in a similar gathering ten years from now. (Applause).

M. E. COMP. JOHNSON: Companions, before calling for the Tyler's toast, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Committee who had the arrangements in hand for this afternoon's ceremonies and for tonight's banquet, also to the Artists who so kindly gave us their time and talent and to R. E. Comp. Cooper who presided at the piano. In calling for the Tyler's toast, it is unnecessary for me to state that the proposer of this toast is one of the most beloved Masons in the City of Calgary. Companion S. H. Davies. (Applause).

(The Tyler's Toast was then drunk after which the meeting closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne.")

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the

ELEVENTH

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

1925

Held in the

City of CALGARY, Alberta

March 11th, 1925

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Five

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Eleventh Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convocation
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the
City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 11th day of March, A.D.
1925, A.L. 2455.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.....	Grand Z.	} Grand Council (Acting)
R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.....	Grand H.	
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. Geo. H. Best.....	Grand Supt. District No. 2	
R. E. Comp. W. E. M. Holmes.....	Grand Supt. District No. 3	
R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper.....	Grand Supt. District No. 4	
R. E. Comp. A. G. Finch.....	Grand Supt. District No. 5	
R. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	
R. E. Comp. W. C. Marsh.....	Grand Principal Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher.....	Grand Treasurer	
R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott.....	Grand Registrar	
V. E. Comp. R. S. Davis.....	Grand Senior Sojourner	
V. E. Comp. C. A. MacPherson.....	Grand Master 1st Veil	
V. E. Comp. F. B. Watson.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil	
V. E. Comp. J. H. McNeill.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	
V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland.....	Grand Organist.	
V. E. Comp. Peter Maclean.....	Grand Pursuivant.	
V. E. Comp. L. S. Crosby.....	Grand Steward	
V. E. Comp. W. B. Way.....	Grand Steward	
V. E. Comp. Robert Taylor.....	Grand Steward	
Comp. S. H. Davies.....	Grand Janitor	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.....	1914
M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin.....	1915
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.....	1919
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	1922
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.....	1923

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

R. E. Comp. O. J. Cowin.....	Arkansas
R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher.....	British Columbia
R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock.....	California
R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce.....	Colorado
R. E. Comp. Thos. Rankine.....	Connecticut
R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott.....	Delaware
M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.....	Florida
M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin.....	Iowa
R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates.....	Ireland
M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson.....	Louisiana
R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer.....	Maryland
R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside.....	Massachusetts
R. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Michigan
V. E. Comp. W. A. Ackland.....	New Brunswick
M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.....	New Jersey
M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod.....	New York
V. E. Comp. Robt. S. Davis.....	New Zealand
R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel.....	North Carolina
R. E. Comp. T. F. English.....	North Dakota
R. E. Comp. Wm. M. McNab.....	Ohio
R. E. Comp. Jas. A. McGhee.....	Oregon
R. E. Comp. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Pennsylvania
R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton.....	Scotland
R. E. Comp. J. J. Green.....	South Carolina
R. E. Comp. H. W. B. Bell.....	South Dakota
R. E. Comp. W. C. Black.....	Utah
M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey.....	Vermont
R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson.....	Virginia

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9.45 o'clock a.m., March 11th.

R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-seven warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, and that all of these were represented by the following delegates:

Alberta No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, R. E. Comps. T. F. English, Fred S. Selwood, H. H. Fletcher, M. B. Peacock, T. C. Bruce, F. B. Cooper, V. E. Comp. V. A. Bowes, Ex. Comps. E. F. Doolan, Frank Milne, W. W. Pratt, V. W. Wright, F. J. Hand, and H. C. Minchin.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod and R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott.

Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat

R. E. Comp. A. G. Finch and Ex. Comp. V. W. Parrish.

Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge

Ex. Comp. Percy Cull.

Golden West, No. 5, High River

R. E. Comps. W. E. M. Holmes, J. F. Casteel, V. E. Comp. W. B. Way and Ex. Comp. W. J. Noble.

Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

V. E. Comp. F. B. Watson and Ex. Comp. G. L. Gothard.

Bekah, No. 7, Macleod

R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton and Ex. Comp. C. A. Arthur.

Kether, No. 8, Pincher Creek

R. E. Comp. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, V. E. Comp. D. C. McDougall and Ex. Comp. T. J. Cumberland.

Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, R. E. Comps. W. E. Mercer, J. R. Flan, D. W. McMillan, Thos. Rankine, V. E. Comps. W. F. W. Lent, W. A. Ackland, Jas. Cleave, Ex. Comps. Chas. Comba, Alex Carr, F. V. Truesdale and J. C. C. Spence.

Bow Valley, No. 10, Gleichen

R. E. Comp. T. W. Bates and V. E. Comp. Peter Maclean.

Calgary, No. 11, Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, R. E. Comps. W. C. Black, E. G. Ironside, V. E. Comps. Hugh Macpherson, C. R. Wentzel, Jos. Brown, J. H. McNeill, Ex. Comps. D. J. Garnes, Andrew Davison and O. W. Harris.

Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer

M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, R. E. Comps. W. J. Stephenson, Geo. H. Best, Ex. Comps. C. H. Stone, Geo. F. Ely and A. B. Mitchell.

Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, V. E. Comp. H. G. Jamieson, Ex. Comps. D. W. Cotton and R. M. Lambertson.

Vermilion, No. 14, Vermilion

R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside. (Proxy).

Hillvue, No. 15, Hillcrest

R. E. Comp. G. E. Cruickshank, V. E. Comp. Geo. Pattinson and Ex. Comp. W. E. G. Hall.

Tau Cross, No. 16, Claresholm

R. E. Comp. W. C. Marsh.

Mount Olivet, No. 17, Killam

Ex. Comps. H. V. Phipps and W. T. Haynes.

Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton

R. E. Comp. J. J. Green and V. E. Comp. R. S. Davis.

The Hiram, No. 19, Youngstown

R. E. Comp. O. J. Cowin.

Banff, No. 20, Banff

V. E. Comp. L. S. Crosby, Ex. Comps. W. H. Hiscocks and R. A. Gowans.

Strathmore, No. 21, Strathmore

R. E. Comps. W. E. Mercer, H. W. B. Bell, Ex. Comps. John Taylor and O. G. Craig.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury

R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee and Ex. Comp. A. Brusso.

Coronation, No. 23, Coronation

R. E. Comp. E. C. Locke and V. E. Comp. Robert Taylor.

Crescent, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, R. E. Comp. R. C. Rankin, V. E. Comps. H. C. Ritchie, C. A. McPherson, Ex. Comps. F. W. Keyte, W. H. Andrews, W. H. Day and Geo. A. Rounce.

Strathcona, No. 25, Strathcona

Ex. Comp. T. W. Bull.

Harmony, No. 26, Bassano

Ex. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh.

Ehneyh, No. U.D., Drumheller

R. E. Comp. C. H. Fitzsimmons, Ex. Comps. Jas. McCulloch, J. O. E. Holden, A. E. Lockerbie and J. Hughes.

The Most Excellent, the Grand Z., granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, as visitors.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

On motion of M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, That, as the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convocation, held in Calgary on the 12th and 13th March, 1924, had been printed and copies placed in the hands of the officers of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

Grand First Principal's Address

To the Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
My Companions:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this our eleventh Convocation of Grand Chapter. May the Most High bless you in your deliberations and prosper your undertakings.

The year through which we have passed has not been an eventful one—our increase in membership has been small but I believe we have increased in wisdom and knowledge and have gained a greater insight into the real aims and objects of our Order. Considering the hard times through which we have been passing and realizing that this was a time for conservation instead on attempting to expand, I have endeavored to interest the Chapters in the study of our Capitular degrees, for which purpose I set aside a week in December when each Chapter was invited to devote an evening to the history and teachings of the Mark Master Degree. Likewise in January and February, evenings were set aside for the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees. The Grand Scribe E. procured historical booklets on the three degrees from the Grand Secretary of Michigan, and mailed them to each Chapter and to Grand Chapter Officers. These booklets have been of great value and I am of the opinion that the addresses that have been given will have a far reaching effect.

I also endeavored to have our Chapters visit each other more frequently and I am pleased to say, that where these visits have taken place the results have been splendid. In one such instance the officers and members of Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, of Charesholm, journeyed over eighty miles to visit Golden West Chapter, No. 5, at High River.

If for no other purpose than the renewal of old friendships this Convocation was certainly worth while.

An effort has also been made to encourage non-affiliated and non-attending Royal Arch Masons to renew their interests in Capitular work; for which purpose special invitations were issued to every Royal Arch Mason in Alberta to visit his own or the nearest Chapter to his place of residence during the months of January and February. I trust these invitations will be the means of bringing back to our Chapters many Companions who had lost interest in our work.

NECROLOGY

The Most High, in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to deal leniently with us during the year, as no member of our immediate Capitular Family has passed on. We have however to mourn for one who has been very dear to us: Most Worshipful Brother and Companion George Murray, Immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Our Companion was a member of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, at Medicine Hat, and while he did not take an active part in Capitular work, yet he was a companion with whom it was good to be associated. Having been absent at Edmonton at the time of his death I commissioned R. E. Companion A. G. Finch, Superintendent of No. 5 District to represent Grand Chapter at the funeral, which was conducted by Grand Lodge.

In the death of Most Excellent Companion Dr. William Frederick Kuhn, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Masonry loses probably the most outstanding Royal Arch Mason

of our day. He passed on just a short time previous to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. The following are words from the last paragraph of the address which he had prepared for that occasion.

"I firmly believe that the future contains better things and better conditions, when love, devotion and sacrifice for others will be the dominant note in the world's great Overture."—May his belief be well founded.

At my request R. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe E., transmitted our condolences and sympathy to The General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead has compiled a complete report on all deaths that have occurred among us and will present the report during this session.

VISITATIONS

It is not my intention at this time to give a detailed account of the many visitations I have made to our Chapters during the Capitular year. At the outset it was my purpose to pay particular attention to those Chapters in the rural districts which on account of their distance from the cities do not receive as much attention from Grand Chapter Officers, as those Chapters which are situated in the larger towns and cities. My intentions have been carried out to a considerable extent and my only regret is that owing to my public duties, and my health, which at times has not been good, I was unable to visit every Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

The reports from our Superintendents will however show that all Chapters are doing work that is uniform and according to our regulations.

I shall here give you an account of a few of my visits which are particularly worthy of mention.

BASSANO

One of my first acts as First Grand Principal was to consecrate Harmony Chapter, No. 26, at Bassano, on the 16th of April. I was assisted on this occasion by Companions of Gleichen, Strathmore and Calgary. This Chapter which had been under dispensation for a year, has, under the direction of Excellent Companion Hugh Stainsleigh, "progressed far toward perfection", and I am sure will become one of the most progressive Chapters in District No. 4.

DRUMHELLER

On the 2nd of May, accompanied by R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper, District Superintendent, and several of our active Companions from Calgary and Strathmore, I visited Eheyeh Chapter, U.D., at Drumheller and was very much pleased with the work exemplified by the officers of the Chapter. Notwithstanding the fact the town of Drumheller has been handicapped by strikes at the coal mines, the Chapter has made satisfactory progress. The members are careful in their selection of candidates and the Officers are attentive to their duties, not only in conferring degrees, but in the general management of the Chapter. I have no doubt of the success of Eheyeh Chapter in the future.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On the 29th of May the Grand Chapter celebrated its tenth anniversary in the lodge room in Calgary, in which this Grand Chapter was erected in 1914. There was a good representation from the Chapters throughout the jurisdiction and the meeting was one to which we can always look back with pleasure. It was our pleasing duty to receive, at this Convocation, M. E. Companion James McCauley, Grand Z. of

Saskatchewan, R. E. Companion Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E., of Manitoba and R. E. Companion D. Adams representing the Grand Z of British Columbia.

M. E. Companion McCauley on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan presented the Grand Chapter with a beautiful gavel, suitably engraved, for use in our deliberations.

A full account of this anniversary Convocation, together with the addresses made by our Companions will appear in our Annual Proceedings.

Thanks are due to M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor and his committee for the success of this anniversary meeting.

MOST EX. COMP. COL. PETER SPENCE, V.D.

On June 26th, 27th and 28th, it was our great pleasure to receive in this jurisdiction in the city of Calgary, M. E. Companion Col. Peter Spence, V. D. J. P., from the Grand Chapter of Scotland. A number of the Calgary companions, including M. E. Companions S. Y. Taylor and J. N. Rankin, assisted me in entertaining our distinguished companion during his short visit. Companion Spence is Grand Master Depute of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire and M. E. Grand Superintendent of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lanarkshire. (Middle Ward).

STRATHMORE CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION

On the 10th of September R. E. Companion Cooper, Superintendent of No. 4 District, held a Chapter of Instruction at Strathmore which was well attended by the Chapters of the District. The Mark Master Degree was conferred by E. Companion Hughes and Officers of Ebeyeh Chapter, in a splendid and impressive manner. The Royal Arch Degree, under the direction of E. Companion Taylor and Officers of Strathmore Chapter, was also conferred in a manner showing earnest study and attention to details.

I had the pleasure at this Chapter of Instruction of giving a short address on the History, Aims and Objects of Capitular Masonry.

DISTRICT NO. 2

On September 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th, I accompanied R. E. Companion George Best, Superintendent, on a series of visits to the four Chapters in No. 2 District, namely: Keystone Chapter, No. 12 at Red Deer, Coronation Chapter, No. 23 at Coronation, Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17 at Killam and Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6 at Wetaskiwin. I was much pleased with the work exemplified, the harmony existing and the splendid courtesies extended to us in all four places. On the 27th of September I parted with R. E. Companion Best, who left for his home in Red Deer while I proceeded to Edmonton where I had the pleasure of assisting in receiving the Eastern Members of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. R. enroute to the annual meeting of the 33rd° at Vancouver, B. C. At this meeting I met many old friends, among them M. E. Companion George Moore, who was Grand First Principal of Canada in 1909, and R. Ex. Companion A. E. Cooper, Past Grand Superintendent, Strathmore Chapter Charter.

On November 20th, accompanied by R. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, Grande Scribe E., R. E. Companion J. R. Flan, and E. Companion F. Hand, I presented to Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, a duplicate Charter to replace the one burned when this Chapter lost all its belongings in the fire of the 10th of July. The officers and members of the chapter are to be commended for the splendid spirit shown after their great loss. The Masons of Strathmore shortly after the fire purchased a building remodelled it, secured paraphernalia and furniture, and at the time of my visit were very comfortably situated.

CRESCENT CHAPTER, NO. 24, INSTALLATION

I attended the Installation Ceremonies of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, on January 5th, when the officers for 1925 were installed and invested by R. E. Companion R. C. Rankin, R. E. Companion W. C. Black and V. E. Companion H. Ritchie. At the banquet which followed we were honored by the presence of the members' ladies. A very pleasant evening was spent.

VERMILION CHAPTER, NO. 14

On the 12th of January, I visited Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, accompanied by R. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison Superintendent of the District. This visit was to me one of the most pleasant of the year. Vermilion is situated in the north east section of the province and on account of the great distances and the unusual train service the companions have not the opportunities to visit and receive visits from other Chapters, yet the work of this Chapter is splendid. The officers who had been installed at the previous Convocation in December conferred the Royal Arch Degree in an almost perfect manner. E. Companion P. Long assisted the First Principal. This Chapter is honored by having R. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, Grand Superintendent and R. E. Companion Percy Fielding as members. Companion Fielding drove sixteen miles through snow drifts in a temperature 20 degrees below zero to attend the Convocation and to do honor to Grand Z. R. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison gave an address on R. A. Masonry which was a splendid exposition of our work.

EDMONTON INSTALLATION

On the following evening the 13th of January, I attended the joint installation of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, and Norwood Chapter No. 18, at Edmonton. The Installation Ceremony was performed by R. E. Companion David McIntosh assisted by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey and V. E. Companion Campbell, in a very impressive manner. The commodious lodge room was completely filled by companions of all four Edmonton Chapters. M. E. Companions M. M. Downey and George B. McLeod, were present to receive me, as was R. E. Companion Morrison Superintendent of the District, and many other Grand Chapter officers. I was informed that it was one of the largest Royal Arch meetings ever held in the City of Edmonton.

CALGARY

On the 14th of January I had the pleasure of meeting the Calgary companions at a joint Convocation of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, held for the purpose of installing the officers of these progressive chapters. The ceremony was splendidly performed by R. E. Companion J. R. Flan assisted by R. E. Companion W. C. Black and E. G. Ironside. Many Grand Chapter officers were present, as well as representatives from all four Calgary Chapters.

During my many years sojourn in this city I have received many tokens of good will and companionship from my brethren, but the companions of the four Calgary Chapters on February 19th placed me under so deep an obligation that life will be too short in which to repay them for their kindness. About a month previous to this date, companions of Calgary suggested to me that the four City Chapters would like to tender me a reception as Grand Z., I expressed my pleasure that such should be done and the meeting of February 19th, when the lodge room was completely filled, was the result.

After hearing well prepared addresses from R. E. Companion W. C. Black on the Most Excellent Degree, and R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper on the Royal Arch Degree, I addressed the companions on matters of interest to our Craft. Afterwards M. E. Companion J. N. Rankin in

a few kindly words presented to me, on behalf of the oldest Chapter, Alberta, No. 1, an engrossed Certificate of Honorary Membership. I was taken completely by surprise by this splendid gift, and tried to express my thanks to the Most Excellent Companion and the Alberta Chapter members, in a few words. I had hardly become seated when R. E. Companion E. G. Ironside on behalf of the four Calgary Chapters addressed me and presented a gold self-filling fountain pen, a gold ever-sharp pencil and a beautiful Bryere pipe. The gifts were entirely unexpected and I felt I had done so little to deserve them. I could only express my thanks in a feeble manner. I have during my masonic life received many tokens of good fellowship, but the events of this occasion, the hearty hand shakes and the warm congratulations expressed by my companions will always live with me. May I here quote the following stanza from "The Builder":

"Since it has been my very joy to find
At every turning of the road,
The strong arm of a comrade kind,
To help me onward with my load;
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends."

DECISIONS

Companion Grinnell formerly a member of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, moved to the Jurisdiction of British Columbia, and after some time demitted from Assiniboia Chapter. Fourteen months later he wrote the Scribe E. that he had not received the demit form, and a duplicate was sent to him by the Scribe E. who advised him to affiliate with a B. C. Chapter. Companion Grinnell wrote to say he was out of work and contemplated returning to Medicine Hat and that he now desired to resume his membership in Assiniboia Chapter.

I replied as follows:

"Companion Grinnell, while a demitted member has certain masonic privileges of visitation in other Chapters and is therefore not seriously handicapped by his non-membership in Assiniboia Chapter. As he is contemplating a removal from his present place of abode and is out of work, his affiliation fees and annual dues may possibly be of use to him until he obtains employment. As he is in good standing in a lodge in this jurisdiction his needs are safeguarded should he require assistance. Finally as he has been a resident of a sister jurisdiction for several years, I consider it would be unwise to receive his application for membership in this jurisdiction. His case is entirely different from that of a suspended member as the latter must obtain reinstatement before he can resume his Capitular privileges and standing.

REMOVAL OF GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL FROM JURISDICTION

During the summer R. E. Companion E. C. Dunlop, our Grand J., was promoted by the Canadian National Railway, with which he has been connected for many years, to a position at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. This removal, according to clauses 18 and 22 of the Constitution, vacated the office of Grand J., and I therefore appointed a skilled companion to the position, in the person of M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, of Edmonton. We regret that Companion Dunlop has had to leave our jurisdiction as he has filled many offices in this Grand Chapter with credit and with conspicuous ability. Our best wishes go out to him in his new home.

COURTESIES FROM OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

New York.—Ionic Chapter, No. 210, Rochester, N. Y., conferred the R. A. Degree on Brother Leonard O. Gould, a member of Coronation Chapter, No. 23.

California.—Long Beach Chapter, No. 84, conferred the degrees of Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch on Brother G. A. Sheldon a member of The Hiram Chapter, Youngstown.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Manitoba.—R. E. Companion George B. Wallace of Wetaskwin.
Ohio.—R. E. Companion W. M. McNab of Edmonton.
Saskatchewan.—R. E. Companion E. C. Locke of Coronation.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTER

Quebec.—W. J. Edwards, Cookshire, Quebec.

DISPENSATIONS

June 2nd, 1924 —The Hiram, No. 19, to install officers out of time.

July 18th, 1924 —Strathmore, No. 21, to continue as a Chapter until a new Charter has been written to take the place of one destroyed by fire.

November 29th, 1924—Coronation, No. 23, to elect officers on December 18th instead of December 25th.

December 6th, 1924—Hillvue, No. 15, to elect officers on January 21st instead of December 24th.

December 17th, 1924 —Mount Horeb, No. 6, to change date of meeting from December 25th to December 23rd.

December 27th, 1924 —Calgary, No. 11, to install officers at joint installation with Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, on January 15th, 1925.

January 6th, 1925—Otuskwan, No. 9, to install officers at joint installation with Calgary Chapter, No. 11, on January 15th.

January 6th, 1925 —Norwood, No. 18, to install officers at joint installation with Capital City Chapter on January 13th.

January 6th, 1925—Capital City, No. 13, to install officers at joint installation with Norwood Chapter, No. 18, on January 13th.

January 27th, 1925—Bow Valley, No. 10, to install Companion W. W. Brown as Second Principal, he not having served as Third Principal.

INVITATIONS

During the year invitations have been received from the following Grand Chapters to attend their Convocations:

From Grand Chapter of Manitoba, February 4th, 1925.

From Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, February 18th, 1925.

From Grand Chapter of Illinois, October 30th, 1924.

From Grand Chapter of Texas, December 1st, 1924.

From St. Patricks Chapter, Toronto Ontario, October 31st, 1924.

From Grand Chapter of British Columbia, June 17th, 1924.

I regret that I was unable to accept any of these kind invitations and so advised the secretaries.

BYLAWS APPROVED

Golden West, No. 5, High River.

North Star, No. 2, Edmonton.

Harmony, No. 26, Bassano.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Grand Superintendents of our five Districts are to be congratulated on their earnest endeavors during the year, and I heartily recommend that they be granted the Rank of Right Excellent Companions as Past Grand Superintendents as follows:

R. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.

R. E. Companion George H. Best.

R. E. Companion W. E. M. Holmes.

R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper.

R. E. Companion A. G. Finch.

I also recommend that R. E. Companion E. C. Dunlop be granted the Rank of Past Grand Third Principal, for his past services to this Grand Chapter.

CONCLUSION

Finally my companions I wish to thank you for the many courtesies received at your hands. I wish particularly to thank those good companions who accompanied me on my numerous visits and who have helped to make the years' work so successful.

Our Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion E. G. Ironside has at all times been my friend and guide. His services have been invaluable.

May fortune bless you; may the middle distance
Of your young life be pleasant as the foreground—
The joyous foreground; and when you have reached it,
May that which is the far-off horizon,
But which will then become the middle distance,
In fruitful promise be exceeded only
By that which will have opened in the meantime
Into a new and glorious horizon. (Gilbert).

Fraternally submitted



Grand First Principal Z.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Grand Z. be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

Report of Grand Second Principal

St. Paul's Residential School,

Blood Reserve, Cardston, March 7, 1925.

To the Most Excellent, The Grand First Principal, R. A. M., Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir:

The routine of submitting an annual report is always attended by a prosaic dullness unless it is accompanied by items of real interest which direct the attention to its structural development.

Last October I paid a business visit to Edmonton and hoped thereby to participate in Fraternal relations with the Northern Chapters, but unfortunately, however, my time was limited and none of the convocations were at "liberty" during my sojourn. I was therefore the loser of that spirit of friendly intimacy and fellowship which is so characteristic of the Northern Companions.

Acting in accordance with your wish, that direct instruction be imparted at the monthly meetings, I was privileged during December to give an address on the "Mark Master" degree to the companions of Bekah Chapter. These meetings are fraught with possibilities for great and lasting benefit.

On February the 25th I accepted an invitation from Shekinah Chapter at Lethbridge to give an address on the "Royal Arch" degree. Let me say in passing that the officers of this Chapter deserve great praise and commendation for the precise and efficient manner in which they present the work and demonstrate their sincerity to both old and newly exalted companions. To me the meeting was an inspiration, and I hope to be able to attend many more similar gatherings.

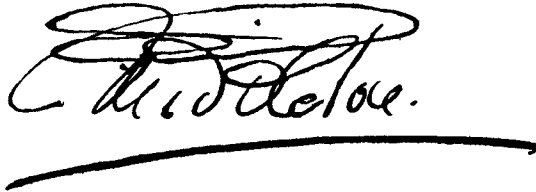
A Chapter of Instruction under Rt. Ex. Comp. Finch, of District No. 5, was held at my home Chapter on Tuesday, March the 3rd. The meeting was well attended and many companions drove from 40 to 80 miles in order to be present—such is the spirit that strengthens the fraternal bond of Capitular Masonry.

"Kether" undertook the presentation of the Royal Arch degree, and in doing so maintained their coveted prestige as being well skilled and qualified. Splendid addresses were given by Most Ex. Companions Downey, Macleod and Patterson. A delightful banquet was served, where wit, fun, and humor were resplendent. The meeting was highly successful.

For the time spent in preparing and giving addresses and visiting the various Chapters, I have been more than repaid by the spirit

of real fellowship which has been so readily extended by each and every Companion.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. D. DeLoe". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single, long, horizontal stroke.

Grand Second Principal.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Grand Second Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand Z's Address.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Scribe E. was then directed by the M.E., the Grand First Principal, to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and after they had been assembled at the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. E. Comp. Johnson addressed them as follows:

Excellent Companions:

It is my pleasing duty at this time to welcome you, as the Representatives or Ambassadors of our Sister Grand Chapters, to this, our Annual Convocation.

We are pleased to note that the clouds that have occasionally appeared in the Capitular skies have dispersed and that the Grand Chapters throughout the world are making greater progress in the "things that count," than ever before.

Please convey to your several Grand Chapters our highest appreciation of the many courtesies we have received at their hands and express to them our sincere good wishes that "Health, Peace and Goodwill" may ever attend them.

Each of the Companions, having conveyed the greetings from his Grand Chapter, to the Grand Z., R. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher, who represented the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, on behalf of the others replied to the Grand First Principal with the following words:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

As the Representative of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, I bring you Fraternal Greetings from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, and thank you for the cordial welcome you have extended to the Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters.

It is said, "there are two things that unite the human heart." One is Fraternal Love. This breaks down all barriers; it surmounts all difficulties; it puts aside the artificial and penetrates beneath the fictitious and unites heart to heart. It is here that the never-fading flowers of confidence and trust and mutual interest ever bloom. Their beauty never vanishes; their fragrance never departs. We have learned these lessons and they play a potent part in making life worth living. The second is the experiences which we are called upon to pass, by reason of the fact that we live. Loss stands at the end of some of our pursuits. The Frost of disappointment nips the Flowers of our hope; sickness lays us aside from our pursuits of life; death enters our homes and takes our loved ones from our embrace, and when those who have had kindred experiences come together that subtle and unexplainable thing called FRIENDSHIP unites those hearts and that union is made blessed by the presence of the Divine.

We are pleased that all shadows of discord have fled away and the White Winged Angel of Peace hovers over this Jurisdiction. We believe that the Companions are each day getting brighter glimpses of a higher Masonic life, clearer conceptions of the magnificent mission of this Order and a truer realization of the possibilities that lie in the path of Masonry as it winds its way up the shining heights of the future. A peerless destiny is before the Masonic Brotherhood, for

its foundations are built upon truths which are eternal; and Capitular Masonry plays no mean part in the completion of this magnificent structure.

We will convey to our respective Grand Chapters your kind welcome, and on their behalf we reciprocate your good wishes, and trust that this convocation shall result in both profit and pleasure.

The M. E., the Grand Z., requested the Grand Representatives to be seated.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent, Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and records of Eheyeh Chapter, U.D., Drumheller, also the report of R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper, Grand Superintendent of the District, and we concur in the recommendations of the Grand Superintendent, and we have much pleasure in recommending that Warrant No. 27 be granted to Eheyeh Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. STEPHENSON,
M. M. DOWNEY,
H. H. FLETCHER,
W. T. COOTE.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from R. E. Comp. E. C. Dunlop, expressing his keen regret at having to remove from this Jurisdiction during his term of office as Grand Third Principal, and of his inability to be present at this Grand Convocation. He missed, very much, the associations and friendships formed, and hoped at some future time to live again within the limits of this Grand Chapter.

Another was read from M. E. Comp. Lt.-Col. Peter Spence, V.D. Grand Supt. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, recalling his pleasant visit to Calgary last June, and the many friends he made while here.

Also another from M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, in which he recalls his pleasant visit to this Grand Chapter and when he addressed the Grand Lodge in June, 1923. He, or any of the Grand Officers, would be unable to be present, today, although distinguished Companions from North Dakota would be present at the Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. His Grand Chapter endeavors to cultivate the most intimate relations with the Companions and brethren north of the forty-ninth parallel.

Letters were received, expressing their regrets at not being able to attend this Grand Convocation, from the following: R. E. Comp. D. S. Bareham, Grand Scribe N.; R. E. Comp. J. W. G. Morrison, Grand Supt., District No. 1; R. E. Comp. A. R. Yates, Grand Representative for Alabama; R. E. Comp. John K. Brydon, our Grand Representative in the Grand Chapter of Canada, who, on account of his 78 years of age and the distance, combined with the weather conditions, considered it unwise to attempt the journey; R. E. Comp. Percy Fielding, Grand Representative of West Australia and R. E. Comp. Jesse Elliott, Medicine Hat. Also telegrams from Geo. H. Potter, of Norwood Chapter, Edmonton; N. T. Macleod, Grand Lecturer, Lethbridge.

Letters had been received from our Grand Representatives as follows: from R. E. Comp. W. Stanley Child of the Grand Chapter of New York, wishing we have an interesting and enthusiastic meeting; from R. E. Comp. Charles W. Mixer, of Michigan; and others.

The Grand Scribe E. stated that he wished to mention his thanks and appreciation of the deep interest taken by our Grand Representative of Nebraska, R. E. Comp. Hayes Gsantner, who sends the Grand First Principal and himself, letters, Notices of important and social meetings, as well as beautiful souvenirs.

He had received cards of thanks from R. E. Comp. Howard H. Fletcher, and Mrs. George Murray for flowers sent. R. E. Comp. Fletcher is mourning the death of his little daughter.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT NO. 1

Vermilion, Alta., March 2, 1925.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In submitting you my report as Grand District Superintendent for District No. 1 for the year 1924 I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy with which I was received at the different chapters. It was indeed a pleasure to make my visitations and to meet officers and companions all zealous for the advancement of Capitulur Masonry.

In all the Chapters I found the books in good order and their affairs carried on as called for by our Constitution. The Chapters in my District are: Stratheona, No. 25; Norwood, No. 18; Capital City, No. 13; North Star, No. 2; and Vermilion, No. 14.

On my visit to Stratheona Chapter I found a fair attendance with the officers well up in their work. Unfortunately there was no degree work but judging from the manner in which the Chapter was opened and closed I had no doubt as to the ability of the officers to complete the ceremony in any of the degrees.

In Norwood Chapter there was no degree work either, but I was very much impressed with the excellence of the floor work in the opening and closing of the Chapter and the enthusiasm and hopeful view taken of the future of the Chapter.

On my visit to Stratheona Chapter I was accompanied by Rt. Ex. Comps. W. McNab and George S. Armstrong and also Ex. Comp. Long, of North Star, and they did me, as well, the honor to accompany me to Norwood Chapter, and meeting them again with others at Capital City Chapter. At the latter Chapter I gave a short address on the place the Royal Arch degree should take in Masonry. I repeated to some extent this address at the other Chapters. I endeavored to point out that while one might have the three degrees of Craft Masonry, still his knowledge of Masonry must remain more or less incomplete until he had made the great discovery revealed to him in the Royal Arch. I sought to impress upon all the Companions the necessity of taking greater interest in Capitulur Masonry as it was in a sense the keystone of the Masonic life.

On the occasion of my visit to Capital City I was again impressed with the high standard in the floor work. There was no degree work here but at that we spent a pleasant and, I trust, profitable evening. It was in this Chapter that I was formally installed into my office as Superintendent and I was very kindly received on both occasions.

My own Chapter, Vermilion, No. 14, I visited in company with our Grand First Principal, who was most royally received. This Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a very creditable manner indeed, particularly as the officers had only been installed at the con-

vocation held the month previous. Our Grand First Principal gave an address which was greatly appreciated by the Chapter and which I feel will be of much help to them in their work. This Chapter, carrying on work as it were by itself, deserves a good deal of credit for the splendid spirit manifested and the thoroughness with which they conduct the different ceremonies.

My visit to North Star was also in company with the Grand First Principal. It was indeed a splendid gathering, there being a joint installation of officers of Norwood and North Star Chapters. The work of the Installing Master, R. E. Comp. D. McIntosh, was beyond criticism and the address of the Grand First Principal inspiring to all of us. After the evening's deliberations we were treated to a banquet which, needless to say, was greatly enjoyed. Gatherings of this nature should prove a splendid thing in the advancement of capitular masonry.

I regret that I was unable to make further visitations due to pressure of business and distance. In surveying the year's work I would wish to emphasize the importance of our Grand Chapter Officers carrying to the Chapters the message of the Royal Arch particularly to the smaller and perhaps struggling ones. Our Grand Z this year instituted a splendid course along this very line and I feel it will prove an impetus to the work, of Capitular Masonry in this Province. The great difficulty I found was with the number of "companions present." There is no reason why the attendance should not be as large and as enthusiastic as with the Craft lodges, and I believe the source of the trouble is that most of the Companions do not appreciate just what the Royal Arch really stands for. I believe this, however, can and will be overcome. I think it would also prove a stimulus to the different chapters if there were some means of communication between them. Our Chapter should know what the others are doing and how they do it. Even if it were only a small leaflet distributed around I feel it would be a source of great encouragement.

I wish again to thank, through you, the Officers and Companions of all the Chapters in my district for the very hearty reception and assistance accorded me in my work as superintendent for the year.

Fraternally yours,

J. W. G. MORRISON.

Grand Supt. District No. 1.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1924

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
North Star	2	Edmonton	10	3	24	(\$4.00)	237	5	1	3	23	0	4	5	5	221	23	Nil	\$1,260.00	798.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 25.00	good	C	
Capital City	13	Edmonton	10	3	25	(\$2.00) (\$5.00) (\$3.00)	239	0	1	5	6	0	4	3	3	233	20	Nil	798.00	1,500.00	85.00	700.00	54.00	fair	C		
Vermilion	14	Vermilion	10	1	15	\$5.00	85	1	0	7	0	0	1	1	1	80	14	Nil	278.00	500.00	215.00	300.00	—	fair	4		
Norwood	18	Edmonton	10	8	16	(\$5.00) (\$3.00)	87	0	0	0	4	0	10	11	11	93	15	Nil	800.00	—	257.00	800.00	5.00	good	C		
Strathcona	25	Edmonton South	10	8	19	\$5.00	44	0	0	3	2	1	8	8	7	46	9	\$45.00	58.00	430.00	39.00	500.00	34.00	good	C		

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT NO. 2

Red Deer, Alta., February 26, 1925

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In presenting to you my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in District No. 2, I may state that all Chapters in this district are in a satisfactory condition, although the attendance has been somewhat disappointing, each Chapter has shown some improvement during the past year.

I have examined the books in each Chapter in my District and find them well kept, the finances in a healthy condition and with few exceptions, very little arrears outstanding.

On April 22nd, I made my first official visit to my home Chapter, Keystone Chapter, No. 12, and had the pleasure of assisting M. E. Comp. W. T. Coote install the officers for the ensuing year. We had a splendid attendance, and spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening. After the business of the evening, and speech-making was over, we all adjourned to the Commercial Cafe, where we sat down to a splendid banquet.

On June 8th, I received a request from Mount Olivet Chapter, Killam, for permission to change their place of meeting. This request I granted, after making some inquiries, and the Companions of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, are now comfortably settled in their new quarters, which I believe are the finest to be found in any of the smaller centres of the province.

On September 17th I had the pleasure of accompanying M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Rt. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Rt. Ex. Comp. Black and Ex. Comp. Andrews on the official visit of the Grand Z. to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, Didsbury, on the occasion of their 5th Anniversary. Although this Chapter is outside of my jurisdiction, I was indeed glad of an opportunity to be present on this occasion, as I had the pleasure of helping institute this Chapter in 1919.

On September 23rd, in company with M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Z., I again paid an official visit to Keystone Chapter, No. 12 and witnessed the H. R. A. Degree conferred by the officers in a most creditable manner. Keystone Chapter is most fortunate this year in having three Principals who are expert Ritualists; in fact, all the officers of this Chapter take a pride in getting up their work as nearly word perfect as possible. After the degree work was over, we had the pleasure of listening to a very interesting address on Capitular Masonry given by M. Ex. Comp. Johnson, after which we adjourned to the banquet hall.

On September 24th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Z., I visited Coronation Chapter, No. 23, where we received a most cordial welcome from the officers and companions. Although many of the members of this Chapter reside some distance in the country, we had a splendid turnout for our meeting. This Chapter had made arrangements to confer the H. R. A. Degree on this occasion, but unfortunately, the candidate failed to show up, having been called out of town. However, we spent a very pleasant and profitable evening

discussing Capitular Masonry, after which we were entertained to a splendid banquet held in the local hotel.

On September 25th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. Johnson, I visited Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Ex. Comp. E. G. Pepper and Comp. W. P. Graydon, of Coronation Chapter, for their kindness in driving M. Ex. Comp. Johnson and myself across country from Coronation to Killam, a distance of nearly 70 miles. Had it not have been for this kind act we could not have made this visit possible at this time, as it would have necessitated a loss of several days if we had had to make this trip via rail. I also wish to congratulate Mount Olivet Chapter on their splendid new quarters and the grand reception they gave us on the occasion of our official visit. This Chapter is rather unique, in having its Officers composed of Companions residing in no less than five different towns. It is indeed remarkable the interest shown in Capitular Masonry and the splendid manner in which they do their work. During the evening the M. M. Degree was conferred on three candidates in a very creditable manner, after which we spent a very pleasant evening around the banquet table.

On September 26th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, I made my second official visit to Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin, where we were received in a most cordial manner. I regret that this Chapter has not made such favorable progress during the past year as other Chapters in this district.

On October 23rd, I again visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, and on this occasion had the pleasure of presiding over the meeting during the absence of the First and Second Principals. At this meeting final arrangements were made for the holding of a Chapter of Instruction, in Wetaskiwin, on January 14th, 1925.

On January 14th, 1925, I held a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 2, in the Mount Horeb Chapter room, Wetaskiwin. The attendance on this occasion was very disappointing, owing to the fact that Coronation Chapter had no representatives present, and Keystone Chapter, Red Deer, had only two Companions present, in the persons of M. Ex. Comp. W. T. Coote and myself. However, Mount Olivet Chapter, of Killam, and Mount Horeb Chapter, of Wetaskiwin, turned out in good numbers, so when the register was added up, we had a total of 40 Companions present. Chapter of Instruction was opened in prescribed form at 4 p.m. and there being two candidates in attendance to be advanced, the degree of M. M. was conferred in a very creditable manner by the officers of Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, with Ex. Comp. H. V. Phipps, of Strome, in the Chair.

The M. E. M. Degree was conferred by a mixed team composed of members of all Chapters present, the chair being very ably filled by Ex. Comp. David G. Ramage, of Regina, Sask.

After the conferring of the M. E. M. Degree, Chapter was called off from labor to refreshment, for the space of two hours, to enable those present to partake of the splendid banquet which had been prepared by the Sisters of the Victory Chapter of the Eastern Star.

At 8 p.m. Chapter of Instruction was again resumed and the H. R. A. Degree was conferred by the officers of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, in splendid manner, this being the first time the officers had conferred this degree during the past year. The chair was filled by Ex. Comp. V. C. French.

Whatever criticism there was to offer was taken up immediately following each degree.

Being a member of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, I have attended all the meetings, and enjoy helping out with the work, whenever an opportunity arises. Although our attendance is disappointing at times, this Chapter is steadily forging ahead.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Companions of District No. 2, for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this office, and for the courtesy extended to me on my official visits.

Yours Fraternally.

GEO. H. BEST,

Grand Supt. District No. 2.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1924

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Mount Horeb..	6	Wetaskiwin.....	10	—	12 \$3.00	96	1	0	2	14	0	3	3	3	84	10	Nil	\$ 750.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 480.00	—	—	fair	3
Keystone.....	12	Red Deer.....	9	1	20 \$3.00	148	0	0	1	17	1	11	11	9	140	50	\$114.00	1,539.00	444.00	232.00	800.00	—	—	good	8
Mount Olivet..	17	Killam.....	11	1	16 \$5.00	76	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	79	56	50.00	427.00	800.00	867.00	500.00	—	—	good	10
Coronation.....	23	Coronation	10	2	15 \$6.00	45	0	0	3	0	0	5	5	4	47	5	Nil	182.00	750.00	185.00	450.00	65.00	65.00	fair	3

DISTRICT NO. 3

High River, Alta., March 2nd, 1925.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Royal Arch Masons.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit to you my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

I have had no complaints during my term of office nor have I had any fault to find in any of the Chapters in my District. Good work has been done throughout. I made a careful inspection of the work that has been done in every capacity and I found in every instance attendance good, financial standing very good in some cases, while others could be and should be improved in order not to travel on so narrow a margin. Under the prescribed lectures of the various degrees laid down by our Grand First Principal and directly resultant thereto to these instructions each Chapter has made an effort to have some well informed Companion give a lecture pertaining to the degree that was being conferred and the ritual work carefully adhered to and the work well exemplified.

I had the pleasure of attending the Tenth Anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Alberta held on May 29th last, accompanied by several enthusiastic members of my own Chapter, Golden West, No. 5, and it must be said that we all enjoyed the splendid programme and particularly the responses made by the distinguished visitors, much enlightenment and new thought was absorbed.

Following this visit I made my first official visit to Banff Chapter, No. 20, on the night of June the 3rd. A meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was to be held on the 4th and 5th. I was accompanied by several members of Golden West Chapter, No. 5, as I took advantage of this opportunity to have a good number from my own Chapter by selecting the date immediately previous. In consequence, three or four cars motored all the way from High River to Banff. I have to thank Ex. Comp. W. Geo. Young, 3rd Principal, for the courtesy of the service of his car. Ex. Comp. J. S. McHardy, I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. W. J. Noble, 1st Prin., and Comp. P. G. Thomas, Scribe E., Officers of Golden West Chapter and R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Casteel, participated in the long drive and were in attendance on my official visit. The officers of Banff Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a very impressive manner, while R. Ex. Comp. S. F. Paterson, of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, gave a supplementary charge which was particularly interesting to myself and all those who had not heard it before. It was well and impressively delivered by our learned Companion. We were heartily and well received by the Companions of Banff Chapter and sumptuously entertained thereafter. The following two days were very much enjoyed by the Companions who accompanied me as well as myself, in a general scrutineering of Banff's favorite haunts, needless to say, some events will live in our minds indefinitely. We returned to High River in the teeth of a wild old snow storm but soon to be greeted on the prairies again by the good old sunshine.

During the same month on the 24th, I made my official visit to Golden West Chapter, No. 5, accompanied by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand First Principal, R. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand

Scribe E., and other Grand Chapter Officers. We had the pleasure of seeing Tau Cross Chapter of Claresholm, confer the R. A. Degree with R. Ex. Comp. Rev. W. C. Marsh, Grand Principal Sojourner in the chair. The Degree was most impressively conferred and of much interest to all present. After the degree we were entertained in the banquet Hall by many able addresses from the distinguished visitors and Companions. R. Ex. Comp. H. O. Haslam, of Claresholm, responded very fittingly to a toast to the visitors proposed by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Gould, of High River. I might say, for the benefit of my Chapter, that I attended all convocations with the exception of one or two. This Chapter is in a very flourishing condition. We have one of the best Scribe E's in the Province, therefore the books are always well kept and up to the minute. At their Regular Convocation held on November the 25th, the M. M. M. Degree was conferred by the Past First Principals of that Chapter and if a Chapter can muster together enough Past First Principals, this is an excellent idea for creating interest in a Chapter; on this occasion I was called on to give a lecture appertaining to the M. M. M. Degree. Following election of officers on December the 23rd I had the honour of installing the officers at the next Regular Convocation, assisted by V. Ex. Comp. W. B. Way, Grand Steward, who has at all times made it a special effort to be present with me on any of my official visits. On February the 25th the M. E. M. Degree was conferred and a very able lecture given on that degree by one of the Companions and I understand that during this month the R. A. Degree will be conferred and a lecture delivered on the Royal Arch. This is what is being followed out in the several Chapters of my District and goes to prove the reception that is being given this method of creating interest.

I visited Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, on November the 12th, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Evans, Grand Junior Sojourner, and had the pleasure of installing the officers of that Chapter on this occasion, for the ensuing year, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. J. A. McGhee. I was loyally received and I must say that this Chapter has a very active and enthuſiastic line-up of officers. I took particular pleasure installing Ex. Comp. E. E. Freeman as First Principal of that Chapter as it so happened that he was an old friend hailing, in the earlier days, from High River. During the Chapter session Ex. Comp. C. C. Hartman, I.P.Z., delivered a very fitting address in loving memory to their departed Companion, W. F. Sick, a very old and highly esteemed Companion of that Chapter.

On February the 2nd I visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24, officially, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. C. A. MacPherson. The M. E. M. Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner, the floor work was particularly good and the good singing added much to the solemnity of the degree. I was much impressed and I am sure the candidate must have been, also. Comp. J. W. Verge, as P.S., delivered this portion of the work excellently. At the conclusion of the degree Ex. Comp. Geo. A. Rounce delivered a lecture on the M. E. M. Degree and went into the early foundations at length.

I had the pleasure of being present at a Joint Reception given in honor of M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, our Grand First Principal, on February the 19th, by the four Chapters of Calgary, namely, Alberta, No. 1, Otuskwan No. 9, Calgary No. 11 and Crescent No. 24, when very fitting presentations and compliments were extended by the respective Chapters to our Most Excellent Companion as a token of their appreciation of the good services rendered at all times among Royal Arch Masons.

My last visit was made as late as the 25th of last month, when I visited Calgary Chapter, No. 11, accompanied by M. E. Comp. J. E.

Johnson, Grand First Principal; R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe E.; R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4; also M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey made a special effort to be present—to whom I attribute much of my success to Royal Arch Masonry. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred and the work particularly well put on by the officers of this Chapter. A musical program was arranged and refreshments served at the conclusion of the Degree, and I must confess that I felt myself most loyally received by the Companions of this Chapter and I appreciated the presence of so many of the Grand Chapter officers.

In summing up the whole of my year's investigation, in my District in particular, I am more than satisfied with the good effects that are being achieved for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry in general. I am firmly of the opinion and decidedly convinced that there is a forward movement toward a higher moral standing, which is a source of much encouragement to the true and faithful Royal Arch Mason.

Faternally submitted,

W. E. M. HOLMES,

Grand Superintendent District No. 3.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Assets or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Golden West	5	High River	10	4	21	\$3.00	127	0	0	1	0	1	11	9	9	136	57	\$53.00	\$1,922.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 600.00	—	—	good	5
Calgary.	11	Calgary	7	7	31	4.00	109	0	1	2	4	0	5	4	4	109	26	66.00	436.00	382.00	99.00	500.00	—	—	good	C
Banff	20	Banff	9	1	12	5.00	51	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	4	54	8	Nil	890.00	200.00	74.00	100.00	—	—	good	1
Joseph Stauffer	22	Didsbury	9	1	16	5.00	70	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	72	21	90.00	197.00	500.00	364.00	500.00	25.00	—	fair	8
Crescent.	24	Calgary.	11	1	25	3.00	118	1	3	2	0	1	3	2	2	122	1	Nil	—	—	54.00	750.00	—	—	good	C

“C”—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT NO. 4

Calgary, Alta., March 10, 1925.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your approval my report
as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past year.

From my observations during the past year I am of the opinion
that the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District is generally
satisfactory, with a splendid type of candidate coming forward, thus
insuring the future success of the various Chapters.

On April 14th, 1924, I paid a visit to my own Chapter, Alberta
Chapter No. 1, and witnessed the conferring of the three degrees; the
M. M. M. degree by Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand; the M. E. M. Degree by
Ex. Comp. V. W. Wright; and the R. A. Degree by Ex. Comp. W. W.
Pratt, the Mystical Lecture being given by Ex. Comp. Frank Milne.
This Convocation was not of the nature of a Field Day as the above
degrees were conferred on different classes with the exception of one
candidate who was given two degrees on account of having to leave
the city for the East before our next meeting could be held. All the
above degrees were conferred in a very impressive manner and at the
close the Companions repaired to the banquet room, where a very
enjoyable time was spent.

On May 2nd, 1924, together with Ex. Comp. F. J. Hand, I accom-
panied M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson on his official visit to Eheyeh Chap-
ter, U.D., at Drumheller, where we were accorded a splendid reception
and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. degree by Ex. Comp.
Lockerbie. I was pleased to note that the books were well kept and
that the Chapter was in a very healthy condition.

On May 29th, 1924, a very inspiring and instructive Convocation
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was held at Calgary, to celebrate the
the Tenth Anniversary of the formation of our Grand Chapter, a report
of which will no doubt be given by the M. Ex. Grand First Principal.

On June 19th, 1924, I paid an official visit to Strathmore Chapter,
No. 21, accompanied by a number of Companions from Alberta and
Otuskwaw Chapters, when we witnessed the M. E. M. Degree conferred
by Ex. Comp. A. B. Foote and the R. A. Degree by Ex. Comp. John
Taylor. The work was well done and Strathmore Chapter is to be
congratulated on the interest shown by its officers and Past Principals.

On July 10th, 1924, a disastrous fire occurred at Strathmore, in
which the Companions of Strathmore Chapter lost their Chapter Room
and all their paraphernalia, a few hours previous to the time set for a
Convocation called to make arrangements for a Chapter of Instruction
for District No. 4, which I had asked the Companions of Strathmore
Chapter to sponsor. Our sympathy goes out to the Companions of
Strathmore in their misfortune.

On August 14th, 1924, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Cleave, Milne
and Carr, I was again present at a meeting of Strathmore Chapter,
held in the Memorial Hall, at which the question of the future of the
Chapter was discussed. I was pleased to see that the Companions,

after a thorough consideration of the question were unanimously agreed to carry on the work of the Chapter as soon as new quarters could be secured. The Companions also enthusiastically agreed to carry out the original arrangement to hold a District Chapter of Instruction at Strathmore, the date for which was now set at September 10th, 1924.

On September 10th, 1924, at 3.00 p.m. a Chapter of Instruction for District No. 4 was held in the Memorial Hall, Strathmore, it being thought that by holding this function at one of the smaller centres instead of in Calgary greater interest would be stimulated in the country Chapters. The result was most gratifying, nearly one hundred Companions being present and all Chapters in the District but one being well represented; we were also honored by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand First Principal; Rt. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside, Grand Scribe E., and a number of Companions from District No. 3. The M. M. M. Degree was exemplified by the Companions of Eheyeh Chapter, U.D., Ex. Comp. Hughes acting as W.M., after which a splendid lunch was provided by the Companions of Strathmore Chapter. In the evening the R. A. degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. J. Taylor and the Companions of Strathmore Chapter. Both of these degrees were well done, special remark being made as to the excellent work of the Companions of Eheyeh Chapter, the youngest Chapter in the District. After a number of questions had been asked and replied to, we repaired to the banquet room where a very pleasant social hour brought to a close what I believe was generally considered to have been a very successful Chapter of Instruction.

On September 19th, 1924, I paid an Official visit to Eheyeh Chapter, U.D., Drumheller, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. W. Pratt and Comp. W. Scott of Alberta Chapter when we experienced a very hearty reception. The M. M. M. Degree was conferred on this occasion by Ex. Comp. J. McCulloch in a very efficient manner; at the close of this Convocation the Companions adjourned to the banquet room, where the usual pleasant hour was occupied with speech and song. A very noticeable feature around the banquet table at Eheyeh Chapter is the very evident desire of the Companions to occasionally speak on more serious subjects than one usually hears discussed at the "fourth degree"—this, I think, might well be cultivated and encouraged to some extent by all our Chapters.

Eheyeh Chapter, although the youngest in this District, is already setting an example to all the other Chapters, not only in the quality of their work, but also in the enthusiasm shown by the members and the consistently high percentage of attendance as shown by their register; I consider that the Chapter is in good hands and have no hesitation in recommending to this Grand Chapter that they be granted their Charter at this Convocation.

The Calgary Chapters in this District, viz.: Alberta, No. 1, under Ex. Comp. W. W. Pratt and Otuskwan, No. 9, under Ex. Comp. A. Carr, have done uniformly good work and I have been present at all their meetings.

On November 20th, 1924, I paid a special visit to Otuskwan Chapter and witnessed the R. A. degree conferred by V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Cleave in a very impressive manner.

On January 12th, 1925, I had the pleasure of Installing the Officers of my own Chapter, Alberta, No. 1.

On February 19th, 1925, a Joint Convocation of the four Calgary Chapters, Alberta, No. 1, Otuskwan, No. 9, Calgary, No. 11 and

Crescent, No. 24, was held for the purpose of receiving an official visit from M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand First Principal. On this occasion a very interesting address on the subject of the M. E. M. degree was given by Rt. Ex. Comp. W. C. Black and a short history of the R. A. degree by myself. M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson then gave a very interesting address, laying particular stress on the necessity of looking for quality rather than quantity in membership, and also on our obligation to lend a helping hand to Companions in trouble or distress. Following these addresses a certificate of Honorary Membership in Alberta Chapter was presented to M. Ex. Comp. Johnson by M. Ex. Comp. J. N. Rankin on behalf of Alberta Chapter; a further presentation was then made by Rt. Ex. Comp. E. G. Ironside on behalf of the four Calgary Chapters, to show our appreciation of the work done by our esteemed Grand First Principal. This was, I believe, the largest R. A. Convocation ever held in Calgary.

On March 5th, 1925, I again visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and witnessed the M. M. M. degree conferred by Ex. Comp. J. C. C. Spence in a very creditable manner; and on March 9th, 1925, I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1 and witnessed the conferring of the M. E. M. degree on a class of twenty candidates; this degree was conducted in a very impressive manner by Ex. Comp. Hand. Both of these Chapters are well officered and should have a very prosperous year before them; Alberta Chapter under Ex. Comp. V. W. Wright and Otuskwan Chapter under Ex. Comp. Truesdale.

I regret that, owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I was unable to visit the other Chapters in the District, but, from a perusal of the various Notices of Convocations that I have received, I believe that they are fairly active and doing good work.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers and Companions of this District for the honor conferred on me in electing me to be Grand Superintendent for the past year, and also to express my appreciation of the kindness of V. Ex. Comp. Jas. Cleave, Ex. Comp. F. Milne, Ex. Comp. W. W. Pratt, Ex. Comp. A. Carr, Comp W. Scott and other Companions who accompanied me on my visits to the various chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

F. B. COOPER,

Grand Superintendent District No. 4.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Alberta.....	1	Calgary.....	12	11	32	\$4.00	269	0	3	3	25	0	8	8	8	252	65	Nil	\$ 858.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 506.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 15.00	good	C
Otuskwan	9	Calgary.....	11	3	38	4.00	144	3	0	2	4	0	9	9	9	150	10	Nil	1,447.00	725.00	253.00	900.00	34.00	good	C
Bow Valley..	10	Gleichen.....	7	—	10	6.00	76	0	0	9	0	0	3	3	3	70	41	90.00	362.00	450.00	860.00	375.00	—	fair	1
The Hiram....	19	Youngtown	5	2	15	6.00	92	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	11	99	39	Nil	1,605.00	400.00	929.00	300.00	—	fair	5
Strathmore ...	21	Strathmore	12	—	21	6.00	56	0	0	4	7	0	2	2	2	47	2	Nil	—	800.00	171.00	600.00	—	fair	3
Harmony	26	Bassano.....	10	—	16	6.00	33	2	0	0	0	0	6	6	4	41	1	Nil	100.00	1,050.00	15.00	800.00	—	good	3
Ehneyeh.....	27	Drumheller.....	9	1	28	3.00	—	5	0	0	0	0	28	28	28	48	—	Nil	23.00	825.00	—	700.00	158.00	Good	5

“C”—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT NO. 5

Medicine Hat, Alta., March 11, 1925.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers, and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

An exceptionally large portion of pleasure is afforded me in presenting my report on Capitular Masonry throughout District No. 5. When I accepted this high office of District Superintendent, I did so with fear and trembling, feeling my incompetence so keenly, but determined to do my best, and I feel that the duties appertaining to the office have been managed in a much superior manner by my predecessors. It would be impossible to believe that Capitular Masonry could receive from my hands, anything like the proportions which I have received, by coming in contact more closely with the Companions of the District.

Before we left Calgary, last March, we were requested not to make any official visits until we had received a copy of the new Constitution and Ceremonial, which had been delayed in printing. When the Constitution arrived in October, I immediately started visiting the Chapters, by paying a visit to Tau Cross without previous notice, arriving there on November 11th. Before the train was very far from Macleod, Rt. Ex. Comp. Marsh extended me a very kind invitation to make use of his home like I would my own, during my sojourn in Claresholm, which I gladly accepted, and I cannot begin to express my appreciation of the friendly feeling that was immediately established between us.

My next pleasant surprise was an invitation to dinner with R. Ex. Comp. Simpson, and the cordial welcome tendered me from every member of the family impressed me with the realization that I had certainly fallen among friends. That evening at the Chapter there was no work to be exemplified but the Chapter is in a good, healthy condition with some good material coming along. After the meeting we gathered around and had a good visit and I feel that if I am spared to again visit Tau Cross the time will be well employed.

The next evening I visited Shekinah No. 4, of Lethbridge, when the Mark Master Degree was conferred on five candidates, in a manner which speaks volumes for the interest in the work and the attention to detail of the officers. It was a credit to any Chapter, and the candidates who received their degrees that night should feel proud, that they were admitted into a Chapter where the work was put on in such a manner. The work of the evening being over the Chapter was closed in prescribed form and we retired to the banquet room where a very tasty lunch was served, after which Most Ex. Comp. Macleod gave an address on the degree just conferred, which proved very instructive, and should certainly not only impress the Companions who have heard the degree many times, but make the candidates realize to a great extent the nature of the Organization of which they had just become members, and create the desire in them to employ all the time possible in order to become conversant in all its branches.

It was impossible for me to make any more visits for sometime on account of the death of Mrs. Finch's mother on November 20th, a nephew on December 22nd, and my own father on January 10th.

The next official visit was to Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, of Medicine Hat, when I installed the officers for 1925. A very pleasant evening

was spent. The officers who were installed are all of the best type and I have no fear of the way matters will be handled by them during the year. There are a number of applications coming in and the members are using good judgment in their selection.

I visited Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, on February 15th, arriving in the morning. It did not take long to locate some of the Companions and I again found the same friendly feeling as in Claresholm. I first called on Rt. Ex. Comp. Cruickshank who soon got in touch with the other members. Comp. G. Marshall did all in his power to make my visit pleasant, while Comp. Davies took me through the upper workings of the mine, explaining everything as we went, which added greatly to the interest of the trip. Rt. Ex. Comp. J. D. McDonald then took me to his home for dinner. The Companions of Hillvue Chapter live quite a distance from town and it makes it difficult for them to attend regularly as it depends entirely on the condition of the roads; however, we had a good attendance considering everything and Rt. Ex. Comp. J. D. McDonald installed the Officers for 1925, in his very able manner, not having to refer to the Ceremonial at any time.

My next visit was to Kether, No. 8, of Pincher Creek, on Tuesday, February 24th, where I received the cordial welcome as in other places, having lunch and dinner with Ex. Comp. and Mrs. Purkis. That evening the Royal Arch was conferred in a manner which would be a credit to any Chapter. The Officers have their work in A-1 shape, and every one speaks out very plainly and distinctly, and I would recommend any Companion to put forth an effort to attend Kether Chapter, and have a TREAT.

We put on a Chapter of Instruction in Macleod on Tuesday March 3rd. The Chapter was opened by the Officers of Bekah, No. 7. The Officers of Kether were then put in charge, when they conferred the Royal Arch in such a way as to be beyond reproach. The Chapter was then thrown open for any questions, and I was pleased to see the Companions felt free to ask anything in the interests of Capitular Masonry. A wonderful banquet was served at the Queen's Hotel by the ladies of the Eastern Star. After returning to the Chapter Room we had some very instructive addresses by Most Ex. Companions Patterson, Downey, and Macleod, the Grand Lecturer. Rt. Ex. Comp. Middleton gave an address which should make any Companion (who had an opportunity to hear it) feel that there is a vast amount more in Capitular Masonry than he realized. One outstanding feature of the evening was the arrival of twenty Companions of Shekinah Chapter; they having motored over, when conditions were anything but favorable. It only goes to show the interest these Companions have at heart for our wonderful Institution.

The particular reasons for holding the Chapter of Instruction after the first of the year instead of the late fall as heretofore, were as follows:

(1) The new Officers have just been installed into their respective chairs, and are anxious to have their work better than their predecessors, and I believe more benefit is to be derived, and the interests of Capitular Masonry extended to a far greater degree in this way than by waiting until about a month before they vacate their stations.

(2) It also gives an opportunity to discuss freely any Notices of Motion which are to come up at Grand Chapter in March; the printed notice of these being in the hands of the Companions at the time. It is then possible to get a better impression of the feelings of the Companions of the District than by any other means.

It is difficult to express in words the friendly feeling, harmony, and good fellowship which prevails throughout the District. Crop conditions were not the best, in some parts, which perhaps retards the influx of applications, but judging by the quality of the material being admitted in District No. 5, it speaks well for Capitular Masonry here in the future.

In conclusion I wish to thank most heartily all the Officers and Companions in District No. 5 for the courtesies extended to me at all times during my term of office, and also for the honor they have conferred upon me, by electing me as their District Superintendent. If I have fallen short of the high standard of those who have gone before, I trust the Companions will realize that everything was done in all sincerity, and for the good of Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. FINCH,

Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

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On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.I.M. Degrees Conferred	M.I.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets (Cash or Securities)	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Assiniboia	3	Medicine Hat.	10	0	25	\$3.00	177	0	0	3	0	3	3	8	7	179	68	\$37.00	\$2,219.00	\$ 653.00	\$ 254.00	\$ 800.00	\$100.00	good	6
Shenkinah	4	Lethbridge ...	12	1	32	5.00	159	2	1	5	4	1	11	5	5	163	40	Nil	869.00	662.00	274.00	1,100.00	20.00	very good	11
Bekah	7	Macleod	7	0	13	5.00	49	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	46	14	Nil	77.00	300.00	237.00	300.00	—	good fair	1
Kether...	8	Pincher Creek...	11	0	14	5.00	45	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	51	7	Nil	487.00	450.00	135.00	300.00	40.00	good	2
Hillvue ...	15	Hillcrest	12	0	—	6.00	45	2	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	52	—	68.00	800.00	1,200.00	140.00	1,000.00	—	good	3
Tau Cross	16	Clareholm	8	1	11	4.20	34	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	37	10	Nil	—	500.00	200.00	350.00	—	good	4

Grand Scribe E's Report

Calgary. March 6th, 1925.

To the Most Excellent,

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

I have the honor to present the Financial Statement and Report for the year ending 28th February, 1925.

Once more the months have rolled into the Past, and we are on the eve of another Grand Chapter year. Financial affairs in the business world are somewhat better, and its effect is being noticed in the Chapters. It would appear that the Chapters may now expect that the struggle for funds is fairly well past, if conditions continue to improve. The country Chapters seem to be doing better than those in the cities.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence did not prepare its Report on the doings of other Grand Chapters, and after waiting several months, the Proceedings were printed without it, and so were late again.

A new unit was purchased for the oak sectional book-case used for the Grand Chapter Library, which is located in Grand Secretary Taylor's Office. This purchase was authorized by the 1923 Convocation.

The Chapters continue to buy much regalia, jewels and other supplies from, or through, the office of the Grand Scribe E. Sometimes the Scribe's E. are slow in forwarding cheques for supplies bought through the Grand Scribe E., from Regalia firms, and these firms desiring a settlement cause considerable correspondence for the Grand Scribe E. I would suggest that the Chapters give their Scribe E. authority to pay these bills, when the goods have arrived and are satisfactory.

The Annual Returns came in fairly well, but some Scribe's have difficulty in getting the correct number of members, demits, suspensions, etc.

I have issued 170 Royal Arch Certificates.

I wish to draw attention to the remarkably few deaths in our Grand Chapter—only nine, or less than one-third of one per cent. Last year we had eleven; in 1923, 26; and in 1922, 18. This tends to show that our membership is composed of strong, healthy, moral young men.

And now, a word in parting, as I wish you to know that I will not be a candidate for Grand Scribe E. this coming year. The office requires constant attention, and has taken most of my available spare time, and I desire a rest. I leave with many regrets, as my relations have been of the kindest. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, and, I trust, your confidence. Perhaps, at a later date, if opportunity offers, I may hope to serve you again as Grand Scribe E.

The statement of membership is as follows:

Number of regular Chapters.....	26
Number of Chapters under Dispensation.....	1
	— 27
Number of Members 31st December, 1923.....	2,711

Additions

Restorations	11
Admitted to 31st December, 1924.....	173
Affiliated to 31st December, 1924.....	37
	<u>221</u>

Deductions

Deaths to 31st December, 1924.....	9
Resignations to 31st December, 1924.....	55
Suspensions, N.P.D., to December 31st, 1924.....	116
	<u>180</u>
Net increase for the year.....	<u>41</u>

NUMBER ON ROLL AT 31st DECEMBER, 1924.....2,752

Financial Statement

ASSETS

Cash in Bank, February 28th, 1925.....	\$ 924.29
Amounts receivable from Chapters, General Fund...	146.35
Regalia, Furn., Books, Stock Forms (inventory) ...	2,080.45
Alberta Provincial Bond.....	1,000.00
Alberta Provincial Savings Certificates.....	600.00
	<u>\$4,751.09</u>

Liabilities

Benevolent Fund to Feb. 28th, 1925.....	\$ 567.85
Amounts overpaid by Chapters.....	14.15
	<u>\$ 582.00</u>
Surplus of Assets over Liabilities.....	<u>\$4,169.09</u>

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CHAPTERS

No.	Chapter	No.	Chapter
1.	Alberta.....	15.	Hillvue.....
2.	North Star.....	16.	Tau Cross.....
3.	Assiniboia.....	17.	Mount Olivet.....
4.	Shekinah.....	18.	Norwood.....
5.	Golden West.....	19.	The Hiram.....
6.	Mount Horeb.....	20.	Banff.....
7.	Bekah.....	21.	Strathmore.....
8.	Kether.....	22.	Joseph Stauffer.....
9.	Otuskwan.....	23.	Coronation.....
10.	Bow Valley.....	24.	Crescent.....
11.	Calgary.....	25.	Strathcona.....
12.	Keystone.....	26.	Harmony.....
13.	Capital City.....		U.D. Eheyeh.....
14.	Vermilion.....		
			<u>\$2,347.15</u>
	Amount of Interest on Govt. Bonds.....		\$ 50.49
	Amount received from sale of tickets for May 29.....		106.00
	Amount of cash sales.....		12.85
			<u>\$2,516.49</u>
	Less Exchange.....		.40
	Net Total.....		<u>\$2,516.09</u>

AMOUNTS PAID TO GRAND TREASURER

1924—	
April 11.....	\$ 231.80
June 26.....	193.15
September 9.....	124.35
November 1.....	64.25
December 1.....	118.25
December 23.....	358.25
December 30.....	203.05
1925—	
January 13.....	486.00
February 2.....	421.49
February.....	315.50
—————\$2,516.09	

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CHAPTERS**General Fund**

No.	Chapter	No.	Chapter
1.	Alberta.....\$ 7.00	16.	Tau Cross..... 21.95
2.	North Star..... 2.50	17.	Mount Olivet..... .15
4.	Shekinah..... 3.65	18.	Norwood..... 4.50
7.	Bekah..... 7.25	19.	The Hiram..... 24.90
8.	Kether..... .40	21.	Strathmore..... 3.40
10.	Bow Valley..... 2.00	22.	Joseph Stauffer..... 6.80
12.	Keystone..... 1.15	24.	Crescent..... 10.00
13.	Capital City..... .15	25.	Stratheona..... 45.05
14.	Vermilion..... 1.50		—————
15.	Hillvue..... 4.00		\$146.35

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE RECEIVABLE, 1925.

Certificates and Registrations.....	\$ 499.00
Joinings.....	19.00
Past First Principal's Certificates.....	17.00
Dispensations.....	18.00
Sale of Books.....	42.40
Sale of copies of the Work.....	81.00
Sale of By-Laws.....	1.20
Sale of Constitutions.....	82.60
Sale of Forms.....	10.90
Sale of Regalia and Paraphernalia.....	155.25
Sale of Chapter Notice "Cuts".....	14.00
Annual Fees from Chapters.....	1,330.00
Interest on Government Bonds.....	50.49
Sale of Tickets for May 29th Celebration.....	106.00
Cash Sales.....	.85
Sundries.....	2.30
Life Membership Certificates.....	11.00
—————\$2,440.99	

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Postage and Exchange.....	\$ 62.40
Express and Telegrams.....	14.39
Printing Annual Proceedings.....	246.71
Printing, General.....	362.11
Furniture.....	9.75
Office Supplies and Stationery.....	23.76
Chapter Books.....	49.85
"Cuts" for printing.....	46.08
Regalia.....	363.90
Paraphernalia.....	86.50
Grand Officers Expenses.....	195.50
Annual Convocation Expenses.....	50.15
Grand Scribe E's salary.....	600.00
Premium on Bonds and Insurance.....	3.00
Engrossing Marks & Certificates.....	26.50
Expenses of Tenth Annual Celebration.....	268.38
Past Grand Z's Jewels.....	105.00
Funeral Wreaths.....	34.50
	\$2,548.48

BENEVOLENT FUND

Amount on hand on 29th February, 1924.....	\$ 967.85
Amount expended, by order of Grand Chapter.....	400.00
Balance on hand.....	\$ 567.85

INVENTORY OF STOCK, FURNITURE, ETC.

Office Furniture and Typewriter.....	\$ 150.50
Grand Officers' Regalia, in use.....	1,000.00
Envelopes, Letterheads, Stationery.....	61.70
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	166.00
Blank Certificates.....	89.00
Books of Constitution.....	137.10
Books of By-Laws.....	25.60
Books, Office.....	19.00
Office Supplies and Postage.....	5.00
New Royal Arch Suits.....	12.00
Books and Forms, for Sale.....	404.55
Sundries.....	10.00
	\$2,080.45

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	Thomas Rankine, Reginald T. Stewart, Ernest R. Selby.
North Star, No. 2.....	William E. Hansford, David J. Dunn, Frank Birch.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Samuel Russell, Geo. Delay, Walter Anderson!
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Albert P. Veale, Leland W. Walkey, Fletcher Sharpe, Walter Munday, William S. Kent.
Golden West, No. 5.....	Frederick F. McDonald.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	Humphrey L. Higgs, Kenneth C. McLeod.
Bekah, No. 7.....	David J. Cummings, John Allen.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	George Rehder, Harry L. Collett.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	Harry T. Beiber, Hans Nicholson, Eli Sanford, A. G. Scott, B. C. Cooper, A. G. G Hamar.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Edward H. Bagnall, Olney F. Fuller.

Keystone, No. 12.....Harold S. Dean.
 Capital City, No. 13.....William R. Taylor, Henry A. Driggs, Thomas
 Aitken, Charles P. Ruddy, Joseph Irving.
 Vermilion, No. 14.....Alex J. Morrison, Frank Bissett, Geo. E.
 Hayward, Jas. H. Moore, Geo. Caldwell,
 Thos. Matheson, Gordon W. Fletcher.
 Banff, No. 20.....James H. Broad.
 Strathmore, No. 21.....W. C. Brown, Frank C. Boles, Ernest Dobson,
 Hugh F. McDonald.
 Coronation, No. 23.....Adam Zilliax, A. J. Taylor, Jackson Hayward.
 Crescent, No. 24.....Frederick H. Ross, William A. Scott.
 Strathcona, No. 25.....Wm. Geo. Daniel, Geo. L. McKee, Hiram I.
 Hastings.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Assiniboia, No. 3.....Chas. E. Oakland, Thos. Blatchford, Wm. H.
 MacDonald.
 Shekinah, No. 4.....Richard Urch.
 Golden West, No. 5.....Joseph Parr.
 Keystone, No. 12.....Herbert Jas. Bayley.
 Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..Frederick W. Sick.
 Crescent, No. 24.....John F. Howard.
 Strathcona, No. 25.....J. H. Grierson.

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Alberta, No. 1.Donald N. McTavish, Alex Sereth, Fred T.
 Wright.
 North Star, No. 2.....Archie West.
 Shekinah, No. 4.....Albert P. Veale.
 Bekah, No. 7.....David J. Cummings.
 Calgary, No. 11.....Joseph A. Longden.
 Capital City, No. 13.....William J. Taylor.

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

Alberta, No. 1.....R. C. Baker, H. Balcombe, J. W. Warren,
 J. W. Esson, J. B. McDill, W. N. Deming,
 W. C. Lewis, H. A. Sinnot, Jas. A. Nesbitt,
 R. W. Ramshaw.
 North Star, No. 2.....Chas. H. Bristow, John H. Bisson, Chas. H.
 Duff, A. V. Dunham, Albert Hinson, G. J.
 Henry, J. H. Prosser, C. A. Reed, H. W.
 Robinson, Harry Shaw, Frank Sanderson,
 A. West, Fred V. Holland, Wm. C. Inglis,
 Robert Knox, John H. Lines, S. J. McCop-
 pen, Wm. Peters, Thomas E. White, Wm.
 A. Wilson, F. C. B. Wilson, Harry Weeks,
 P. R. Campbell.
 Shekinah, No. 4.....L. C. Burnap, D. L. Faw, Andrew Sherrett,
 Wm. B. Kester.
 Mount Horeb, No. 6....Jas. W. Hey, Joshua Wheeler, Gilbert Blake,
 J. E. Combes, R. W. Winfield, A. B. Mc-
 Donald, Harry E. Todd, Robt. N. Shaw,
 Chas. B. McMurdo, Nerls A. Johnson,
 H. H. Munro, Wm. E. Aylwin, Martin A.
 LeBeau, Harris Oium.

- Bekah, No. 7.....J. F. Lewis, Thos. A. Murray, Roy V. Grier.
- Otuskwan, No. 9.....D. J. McCutcheon, O. D. Cloakey, Jas. T.
Kilgour, H. A. Ovans.
- Calgary, No. 11.....Walter R. Eveleigh, Wm. N. Poole, Jas.
Robert Scott, R. Best.
- Keystone, No. 12.....W. A. Shields, Wm. A. Moore, Jas. I. Mann,
Hugh A. McKenzie, H. W. Panrucker,
Evan E. Roberts, Wm. Spiers, Thos. A.
Gaetz, H. E. Graham, Fred Chas. Seabrook,
Geo. Kerby, Richard Morland, Lloyd W.
Puffer, C. S. Freeman, Wm. Jas. Hyde,
Wm. Burns, Francis H. Tallman.
- Capital City, No. 13.....Wm. R. Brownlee, Chas. Clent, Alex C.
Minty, Robert Smith, Thomas Stanford,
Eustace H. Cope.
- Norwood, No. 18.....Wm. A. Longhurst, Ernest W. Morehouse,
John S. Livingstone, A. J. H. Barker.
- Strathmore, No. 21.....Thomas Bywaters, A. A. Campbell, W. B.
Horton, Samuel O. Lones, W. Slocombe,
E. H. Smith, J. P. Smith.
- Stratheona, No. 25.....W. R. Howson, Cyrus Geo. Northcott.

Fraternally submitted,

Edwin G. Ironside,

Grand Scribe E.

Report of Grand Treasurer

From March 1st, 1924, to February 28th, 1925.

Mar. 1, 1924—Cash on hand in bank.....	\$1,956.28
April 11, 1924—Received from Grand Scribe E.....	231.80
June 26, 1924—“ “ “ “	193.15
Sep. 9, 1924—“ “ “ “	124.35
Nov. 1, 1924—“ “ “ “	64.25
Dec. 1, 1924—“ “ “ “	118.25
Dec. 23, 1924—“ “ “ “	358.25
Dec. 30, 1924—“ “ “ “	203.05
Jan. 13, 1925—“ “ “ “	486.00
Feb. 2, 1925—“ “ “ “	421.49
Feb. 28, 1925—“ “ “ “	315.50
	<u>\$4,472.37</u>

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE FROM MARCH 1st, 1924, TO FEBRUARY 28th, 1925

Mar. 8, 1924—Craven Bros.....	\$ 55.00
Mar. 8, 1924—W. A. Ackland, Premium on Bonds.....	3.00
Mar 15, 1924—S. H. Davies, Services as Gd. Janitor.....	10.00
Mar 15, 1924—Perfection Lodge, Rent for Gd. Convocation..	35.00
Mar 15, 1924—Albertan Job Press, Circulars and Supplies ..	35.79
Mar 15, 1924—Committee on Benevolence.....	50.00
Mar 22, 1924—W. T. Coote, Gd. Z.'s Expenses.....	61.00
Mar 22, 1924—Cross & Kemp, Multigraphing letters	3.75
Mar 22, 1924—E. G. Ironside, Phones, Express, Postage	28.45
Mar 24, 1924—Calgary Photo Engrav. Co., 32 Chapter "Cuts"	31.80
April 7, 1924—Canniff-O'Brien Co., Gd. Z.'s Letterheads....	7.68
April 7, 1924—J. D. McAra, Invitations & Envelopes for May 29.....	22.05
May 6, 1924—Western Masonic Supply Co., Regalia	36.50
May 6, 1924—Calgary Photo Engraving Co., Name and Photo Cut.....	11.66
April 7, 1924—Albertan Job Press, Lists of Gd. Chap. Officers	8.48
May 6, 1924—J. E. Johnson, Gd. Z.'s Expenses.....	25.00
May 6, 1924—Knight's Bindery, 200 mailing tubes.....	9.00
May 6, 1924—Committee on Benevolence.....	50.00
May 29, 1924—Albertan Job Press, Printing G.S.E.'s Report..	25.97
May 29, 1924—Ambrose Kent & Sons, 5 Gd. Officer's Regalia	247.25
May 29, 1924—Express.....	8.19
May 30, 1924—Calgary Photo Engraving Co., Photo Cut....	2.62
May 30, 1924—Hudson's Bay Co., Banquet.....	158.00
June 26, 1924—Star Printing Works, Tickets for May 29....	5.15
June 26, 1924—Strand Cigar Store, Cigars for May 29.....	17.73
June 26, 1924—Palliser Hotel, Rooms for Grand Chap. visitors	24.20
June 26, 1924—Albertan Job Press, Circls, programs, May 29th	26.25
June 26, 1924—Albertan Job Press, 200 Work Receipt forms..	4.50
July 9, 1924—E. G. Ironside, salary.....	150.00
July 9, 1924—E. G. Ironside, telegram and supplies.....	1.13
July 9, 1924—Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, Gd. Chap. ex- penses, 1923.....	5.15
July 9, 1924—Ambrose Kent & Sons, Staff of Judah.....	8.00
Sept. 3, 1924—J. H. Routledge, Making Strathmore Charter	10.00
Sept. 3, 1924—Office Specialty Co., Book-case Section.....	9.75
Sept. 3, 1924—Campbell Floral Co., Funeral Spray.....	3.00

Sept. 3, 1924—J. D. McAra, Printing 2,000 Constitutions...	208.95
Sept. 15, 1924—Albertan Job Press, envelopes.....	3.41
Sept. 15, 1924—E. G. Ironside, salary.....	150.00
Sept. 15, 1924—E. G. Ironside, postage, large envelopes, phones.....	26.55
Sept. 15, 1924—J. D. McAra, 30 pages Gd. Lodge Proceedings (N.P.D.).....	6.83
Oct 13, 1924—J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Marks in book..	3.00
Oct 13, 1924—Western Masonic Supply Co., 1 doz. R.A. suits	72.15
Oct 13, 1924—J. E. Johnson, Gd. Z's expenses.....	50.00
Oct 13, 1924—E. G. Ironside, 50 booklets on Marks, etc....	17.50
Nov. 1, 1924—J. D. McAra, Printing 10 Members Registers	40.50
Nov. 1, 1924—Albertan Job Press, Printing Proceedings....	246.71
Nov. 1, 1924—Albertan Job Press, Envelopes and circulars.	6.03
Nov. 1, 1924—Cushing Bros., 10 ballot boxes.....	60.00
Nov. 1, 1924—Committee on Benevolence.....	50.00
Nov. 6, 1924—Campbell Floral Co., Funeral wreath.....	9.50
Nov 24, 1924—E. G. Ironside, 30 booklets on R.A. Degree, etc	28.30
Nov. 24, 1924—Committee on Benevolence.....	50.00
Dec. 18, 1924—Deputy Provincial Treasurer, for bonds.....	400.00
Dec. 8, 1924—Committee on Benevolence.....	100.00
Dec. 8, 1924—H. E. Cutler, Typewritten notes of May 29..	15.00
Dec. 8, 1924—J. D. McAra, 200 Xmas cards, 10 Marks form Pads.....	28.09
Jan 3, 1925—J. E. Johnson, Gd. Z's expenses.....	25.00
Jan. 3, 1925—E. G. Ironside, postage.....	10.00
Jan. 3, 1925—E. G. Ironside, salary.....	150.00
Jan 12, 1925—Deputy Provincial Treasurer, for bonds.....	200.00
Feb. 25, 1925—Mills' Greenhouses, wreath for late G. Murray	22.00
Feb. 25, 1925—Albertan Job Press, Notices of Gd. Chap., etc.	26.09
Feb. 25, 1925—J. H. Routledge, Making Charter, etc.....	13.50
Feb. 25, 1925—Craven Bros., Past Gd. Z's Jewel.....	50.00
Feb. 25, 1925—E. G. Ironside, salary, express, postage, etc...	153.42
Feb. 25, 1925—J. E. Johnson, Gd. Z's expenses.....	9.50
Feb. 25, 1925—Committee on Benevolence.....	100.00
Feb. 28, 1925—Geo. H. Best, Gd. Supt.'s expenses.....	25.00
	\$3,548.08
Cash in Bank.....	924.29
	\$4,472.37

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. Fletcher

Grand Treasurer.

The Report of the Grand Scribe E. having been printed and distributed, and after that portion of it, excepting the Financial Statement and statistical data, had been read, on motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Rankine, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer and Grand Auditors be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

Auditors Report for Year Ending February 28th, 1925

Calgary, March 6th, 1925.

To The Finance Committee:

We beg to certify that we have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and find same in good order and in accordance with the vouchers, cheques, receipts, Bank statements, etc. and that all monies received by the Grand Scribe E. have been turned over to the Grand Treasurer and duly deposited in the Bank of Nova Scotia in the name of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

We have checked the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer with the books and the same are correctly shown in accordance therewith.

We have inspected the Alberta Provincial Savings Certificates (sixteen hundred dollars, fully registered) and find them to be in order, except that two certificates of one hundred dollars each purchased in January 1925 are registered in the joint names of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and H. H. Fletcher. We would recommend that Rt. Ex. Comp. Fletcher's endorsement be obtained on these.

It will be noticed that the expenditure apparently exceeds the receipts by \$107.49, but we find that certain liabilities incurred in 1923, namely, balance of most Ex. Grand Z's expenses, \$61.00, and the Past Grand Z Jewel, \$55.00, were paid in 1924, besides which there were the expenses (Net \$162.00) incidental to the Special Celebration (10th Anniversary) in May last. So that when these items are taken into consideration it will be seen that the actual disbursements for 1924 are well within the Revenue, all of 1924 Expenses having been paid. It must also be borne in mind that the Inventory shows an increased value of \$237.46 which was of course paid for out of 1924 Revenue.

We would suggest that a Safety Deposit Box be rented by the Grand Chapter for the safe keeping of Bonds, Savings Certificates and any other documents of value.

Finally we find the accounts of the Grand Chapter to be well kept and the reports carefully prepared and would say that the financial position of the Grand Chapter is in a very sound and progressive condition.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. Wentzel

W. H. Andrews

Auditors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z's ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on the Grand First and Second Principals' Addresses beg to report as follows:

We heartily commend the Grand First Principal for his successful efforts to increase the interest of the Companions in Capitular work, which efforts have been productive of good results.

We note with pleasure the large number of official visits of the Grand First Principal, and also commend the Companions who accompanied him. These visitations can be, and are, productive of good, as they show that the Grand Chapter Officers take an interest in the work, thus stimulating the others.

We also commend the Grand Second and (Acting) Third Principals for visiting the different Chapters in their respective Districts, regardless of the Official visits of the Grand First Principal.

We commend the Grand Z.'s decision in the matter of Comp. Grinnell.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. N. RANKIN,
M. M. DOWNEY,
GEO. B. McLEOD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on the Grand First and Second Principals' Addresses be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance asks leave to submit the following report.

We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E., Grand Treasurer and Auditors and we approve the same.

Your Committee notes that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta continues satisfactory although our expenses appear to have overtaken our revenues in the past year. In our opinion this fact is largely due to temporary conditions among which may be mentioned the large number of withdrawals owing to the changes in the constitution regarding dual membership. Another of these conditions arises from removals due to economic conditions. The amounts owing from the individual Chapters continues comparatively small which shows that the individual chapters are in a healthy financial condition and are satisfactorily meeting their obligations.

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of Albertan Job Press Limited for printing six hundred copies of the Annual Proceedings of Grand Chapter for 1925.

We recommend the purchase of a new set of Regalia for the Grand First principal and also that the present Regalia be put into first class condition and be at the disposal of the Grand Chapter.

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer rent a Safety Deposit Box for the safe keeping of the bonds, savings certificates and other documents of value belonging to this Grand Chapter.

We recommend the purchase by the Grand Scribe E. of an additional unit of sectional bookcase consisting of a base, two sections and top for the Grand Chapter Library located in the Grand Secretary's Offices and that these be purchased from the Neilson Furniture Company Limited of Calgary at the price submitted by them

Your committee finds much satisfaction in the fact that the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the formation of our Grand Chapter held on the 29th day of May last, which was such a decided success, was carried through at a net expense to Grand Chapter at \$175.45 as against a maximum authorized expenditure of \$400.00 and we think those in charge of the arrangements for that celebration should be congratulated on this achievement.

We recommend the payment to the Grand Superintendents of the maximum amounts authorized for their expenses. We find the actual expenditure for railway fares alone in every case amounts to substantially this maximum sum and in one instance between two and three times this amount. In districts one, two, three and four the actual railway fares are just met by this allowance, but in District No. 5 the actual expense for railway fares alone was \$65.85. This was due, to some extent, to the fact that the Grand Superintendent resides at the extreme eastern end of his district.

We recommend that the Grand Scribe E. procure fifty bound volumes of the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1921 to 1925 inclusive in a uniform binding to the bound volumes covering the period from 1914 to 1920 inclusive and that these bound volumes be available for purchase by the Companions on the same basis as the earlier set.

V. Ex. Comp. C. R. Wentzel, of Calgary Chapter, No. 11 and Ex. Comp. W. H. Andrews, of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, were appointed Auditors for 1924-1925 and have filed their report.

Respectfully submitted,

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FREDERICK S. SELWOOD.
W. E. M. HOLMES.
A. G. FINCH,
J. N. RANKIN.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee having carefully examined the reports of the Grand Superintendents and Grand Scribe E., are pleased to note that though the increase of membership is not very marked, yet it reveals evidence of solidity and steady progress.

There are now twenty seven Chapters. During the year 173 new members have been admitted: Affiliated, 37; Restored, 11; Deductions by death, resignations and suspensions, 180; Leaving at the end of the year an increase of 41, and a total membership of 2,752.

On every hand perfect harmony prevails. This we feel is due in no small measure to the keen interest displayed by the Grand and Past Grand Officers, which has been evinced by visitations to the various Chapters.

Your committee note the zealous attention to the discharge of their duties by the Grand Superintendents and would recommend that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon each of the retiring officers.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. B. McLEOD,
W. E. MERCER,
W. McNAB.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, seconded by M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of
the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report that no business has come before this committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
GEO. B. McLEOD,
W. T. COOTE,
J. N. RANKIN.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

Grand Chapter adjourned at 12 o'clock and resumed at 2 o'clock.

M. E. Comp. Johnson, Grand Z., called Ex. Comps. James McCulloch, J. O. E. Holden and A. E. Lockerbie, the Principals of Eheyeh Chapter to the Grand East, where they were presented with a Charter, numbered 27.

Ex. Comp. McCulloch replied, thanking the Grand First Principal for the honor conferred on Eheyeh Chapter, and assuring Grand Chapter that the Companions of the new Chapter would do all in their power to make this Chapter a credit to all.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs to report that no complaints or appeals have come before this Committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
F. S. SELWOOD,
W. M. McNAB,
W. E. MERCER,
W. J. STEPHENSON.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Benevolence are pleased to report that the following amounts have been expended for Benevolence, by the various Chapters in this Jurisdiction, during the past year:

<i>No. Chapter</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No. Chapter</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1—Alberta.....	\$ 15.00	13—Capital City.....	\$ 53.15
2—North Star.....	25.00	18—Norwood.....	5.00
3—Assiniboia.....	100.00	22—Joseph Stauffer.....	75.00
4—Shekinah.....	20.00	23—Coronation.....	65.00
8—Kether.....	40.00	25—Strathecona.....	34.00
9—Otuskwan.....	34.00	U.D.—Drumheller.....	157.80

We commend our Companions for their generous support of this worthy cause, and we feel sure that every Chapter in this jurisdiction will promptly and gladly respond to every legitimate appeal for assistance.

\$400.00 from the Benevolent Fund was expended for the relief and assistance of a very worthy companion. This was authorized at our last Grand Convocation. And we would recommend that this grant

be continued at the discretion of the incoming Grand First Principal and Grand Scribe E.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows a balance now on hand of \$567.85 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. A. MCGHEE,
J. R. FLAN,
W. E. M. HOLMES,
GEO. H. BEST,
M. B. PEACOCK,
H. H. FLETCHER.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions, Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead has again reviewed our records, and again we come to you in sadness to lay before you the records of the losses we have suffered during the past twelve months. Each year brings a new sadness to our hearts as we call to mind the loved Companions who have passed from our earthly associations, but we sorrow not as those without hope. We know that we shall see them again, when we too have entered into our Father's House.

During the past twelve months, twenty-eight companions of Sister Grand Jurisdictions have passed away, all of whom were of the rank of Past Grand High Priest. It is with the deepest sorrow, and regret that we have learned of the death of M. E. Companion Dr. Wm. Frederick Kuhn, Past Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In the passing of this Most Excellent Companion, Masonry loses one of its great figures. We extend to the General Grand Chapter our deepest sympathy in the loss they have suffered.

In our own jurisdiction we have suffered the loss of nine Companions during the past year. These Companions have received the summons to pass through the veils which separate us from the life eternal; and to approach that sacred altar where shall be made known to them the secrets of all ages.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death during the past year of M. W. Brother and Companion George Murray, of Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, of Medicine Hat. Companion Murray was one of the outstanding Masons of Alberta, and his loss will be deeply felt in all the branches of the Order in which he was so interested.

We would extend the sympathy of this Grand Chapter to the families of our own well loved Companions who have gone from us, but we would bid them look up, and have faith in the promises of God, for the time draweth nigh when the darkness will pass away as a cloud, and we shall know as also we are known.

The sands of time are sinking,
 The dawn of Heaven breaks;
 The summer morn I've signed for,
 The fair, sweet morn, awakes:
 Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
 But dayspring is at hand,
 And glory, glory dwelleth,
 In Immanuel's land.

As we stand today with bowed heads, and sorrowing hearts, may we remember that none of us are so strong, none so busy that we can ignore that call when it comes; each fleeting moment draws us nearer that inevitable hour when we too shall pass from the kin of our fellows, and only the things we have done that were worth while will be remembered in the hearts of men. Is this not an hour and a moment when we might well search our own souls, and looking into our own faces confess to ourselves our failings, and our needs, and so adjusting ourselves that our lives may be brought into closer harmony with the Divine, knowing that the ground, and basis of all hope is fixed in God.

"Yesterdays" holds the full store of today's civilization, our knowledge, our victories, and our defeats, but man's yesterdays are not sufficient; the true, and the wise man binds all his days together, his yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows, in one great holy purpose to serve man, and honor, and love God.

Looking forward may we learn to serve, and cleansing all fear out of life, trusting and loving God, rejoice in His salvation.

As a flower turns its face to the sunlight, so may each one of us turn his face to the light of our Heavenly Father for strength and inspiration to live on, and complete the purpose of His life in obedience, fidelity, and zeal, and as the end draweth nigh may we be prepared for that great change called death, and may we hear the Master's "well done good, and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

I've wrestled on toward heaven,
 'Gainst storm, and wind, and tide;
 Now, like a weary traveller
 That leaneth on his guide,
 Amid the shades of evening,
 While sinks life's lingering sand,
 I hail the glory dawning
 From Immanuel's land.

Your Committee recommend that Memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings in memory of our departed Companions.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. McLEOD,
 F. B. COOPER.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Geo. B. McLeod, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Past Grand High Priests who have passed in 1924.

Connecticut	Augustus Enrico Blakeslee	Oct. 4, 1924
Florida	Henry Newton Sweeting	May 4, 1924
Illinois	John C. Hallenbeck	Feb. 28, 1924
	Frank Spencer	Mar. 1, 1924
	Samual Shannon	Sept. 14, 1924
Indiana	Elmer Crockett	June 3, 1924
Iowa	Henry Clay McNeil	Mar. 26, 1924
	Raymond Theodore Warner	April 25, 1924
Kansas	Edward White Waynant	June 18, 1924
Maryland	Charles Edward Cochrane	Mar. 24, 1924
Michigan	William Gilson Hudson	May 28, 1924
Minnesota	John W. Hays	Aug. 3, 1924
Mississippi	Charles H. Blum	May 2, 1924
Missouri	John Ralph Parson	April 8, 1924
	William F. Kuhn	Sept. 1, 1924
Nebraska	Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924
New Jersey	Andrew J. Bale	Dec. 13, 1923
	Edward Mills	June 12, 1924
New York	Joseph A. Crane	July 20, 1924
North Dakota	Francis Ingalls	Aug. 9, 1924
Ohio	William Taylor McLean	Mar. 18, 1924
	Jacob Henry Bromwell	June 4, 1924
Oklahoma	John Angus Gillis	June 19, 1924
Pennsylvania	William B. Meredith	May 17, 1924
	Hibbert P. John	July 27, 1924
Virginia	Elias Lyons Guy	Feb. 14, 1924
	William See Mathews	Sept. 13, 1924
Washington	Otis Adam Crampton	May 2, 1924

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

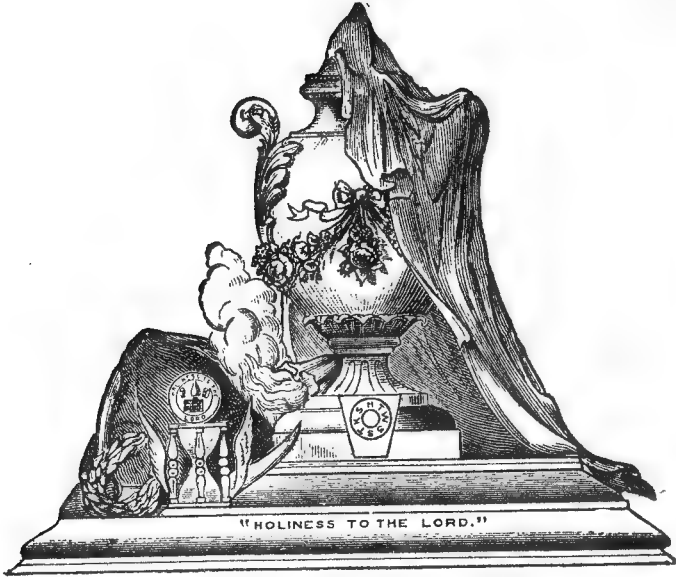
Assiniboia, No. 3	Chas. E. Oakland, Thos. Blatchford, Wm. H. MacDonald.
Shekinah, No. 4	Richard Urch.
Golden West, No. 5	Joseph Parr.
Keystone, No. 12	Herbert Jas. Bayley.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22	Frederick W. Sick.
Crescent, No. 24	John F. Howard.
Strathcona, No. 25	J. H. Grierson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs to report:

That we are pleased to say that all the correspondence with recognized Jurisdictions has been of the most friendly and cordial nature. In the matter of requested recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queens-land, having received no further information during the year, we rec-



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1924

Dear friends, farewell; the brethren
 Thy virtues will proclaim,
 And garlands of sweet memories
 Will wreath about thy name.

The world was better that you lived,
 And so we know 'tis well
 That God has called thy spirit home,
 Adieu dear friends, farewell.

commend that it be again left in abeyance, until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
F. S. SELWOOD.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE "WORK"

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Chapter of Alberta,

Your Committee appointed to consider the "Work" for the coming year, recommend:

That this Grand Chapter adopt the present copies of the Work as now authorized by this Grand Chapter, for the ensuing Masonic Year, with such modifications and amendments as have already been made by this Grand Chapter and recorded with the Grand Scribe E., and that the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. be authorized to prepare and issue said modifications to the various Chapters of this Jurisdiction, and further that the incoming Grand Z. appoint a Committee to consider this matter and report thereon at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
W. T. COOTE,
J. N. RANKIN
GEO. B. McLEOD.
S. Y. TAYLOR.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

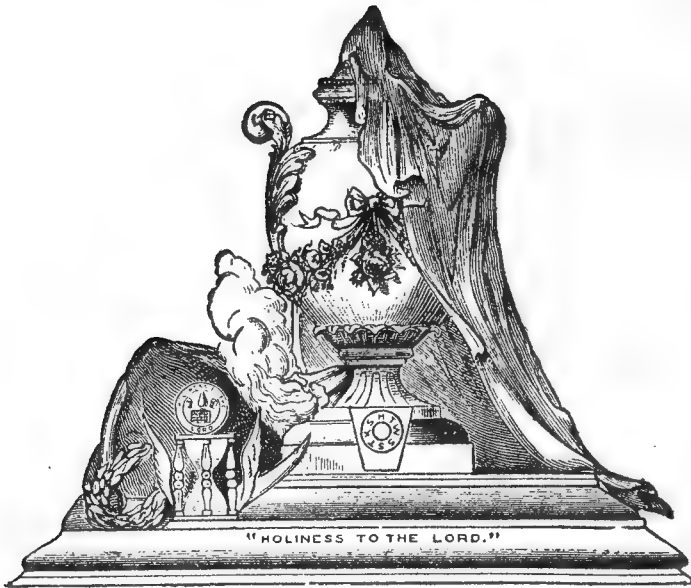
RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CEREMONIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R. A. M.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, your special committee appointed to consider the matter of ceremonials, beg to recommend the adoption of the present ceremonials



In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1924

One by one we lose the hand-clasps
 That so warm a welcome gave;
 One by one, their lips are silent
 In the stillness of the grave.

Happy the man whose thoughts will bear
 The rigid test of the unerring square;
 Who has through life the path of duty trod
 Steadfastly toward his Maker and his God.

issued by the Grand Chapter of Canada, with such modifications as may be necessary to make the same apply to this jurisdiction.

We further recommend that twenty-five copies of this book of ceremonials be purchased for the use of the Chapters of this jurisdiction and that three hundred copies of the Installation Ceremony be printed in pamphlet form.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
M. M. DOWNEY.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Ceremonials be received and adopted.

ACTION TAKEN ON NOTICE OF MOTION

The "Notice of Motion" proposed by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, "that the word 'second' in the second line of clause 6 of the Constitution be changed to 'third'," was discussed, and on motion of R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Rankine, it was

RESOLVED, That the word "second" in the second line of Clause 6 of the Constitution be changed to "third."

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Grand Scribe E. reported the results of his efforts to obtain a suitable model of the Staff of Judah, at a moderate price, and of his intention to continue until such had been obtained.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Ex. Comp. George Rounce, seconded by Ex. Comp. W. Day, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of \$10.00 be made to Comp. S. H. Davies, Grand Janitor, for his services during this Grand Convocation.

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. C. Black, seconded by V. E. Comp. James Cleave, it was

RESOLVED, That the rent of the Lodge Rooms for this Grand Convocation be paid.

On motion of R. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, seconded by Ex. Comp. C. A. Arthur, it was

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be extended the Companions of the Calgary Chapters for the lavish hospitality, so generously provided for the visiting Companions.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The time for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the M. E. Grand Z. appointed M. E. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, J. N. Rankin and Geo. B. McLeod as scrutineers of the ballots, and the following were declared elected:

Grand First Principal Z. M. E. Comp. S. H. Middleton, Cardston.

Grand Second Principal H... R. E. Comp. E. G. Ironside, 513 21st Ave.
West, Calgary

Grand Third Principal J.... R. E. Comp. W. M. McNab, 10041 117th St., Edmonton.

Grand Scribe E.....R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel, 809 9½
St., N.W., Calgary.

Grand Scribe N.....R. E. Comp. J. F. Casteel, High River.

Grand Principal Sojourner.. R. E. Comp. W. J. Stephenson, Red Deer.

Grand Treasurer.....R. E. Comp. Howard H. Fletcher, Calgary.

Grand Registrar.....R. E. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh, Hussar.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the M. E. Grand Z. who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed.

District No. 1.....R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott, 9639 105th
Street, Edmonton.

District No. 2.....R. E. Comp. Alex M. McKee, Sedgewick.

District No. 3.....R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson, 1412
2nd St. N.W., Calgary.

District No. 4.....R. E. Comp. James Cleave, 516 15th Ave.
W., Calgary.

District No. 5.....R. E. Comp. Duncan C. McDougall,
Pincher Creek.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—*Two Year Term*

R. E. Comp. W. C. Black.....Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary.

R. E. Comp. J. A. McGhee.....Joseph Stauffer, No. 22, Didsbury.

R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan.....Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary.

R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood.....Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary.
One Year Term

One Year Term

R. E. Comp. F. B. Cooper.....Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary.

Invitations having been received from Banff, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Edmonton and others, a vote resulted in Banff being selected as the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation on 17th March, 1926, and it was so declared.

Grand Chapter adjourned at 7 o'clock and resumed business at 8 o'clock.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor assisted by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin as Grand Director of Ceremonies, then proceeded with the installation of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the M. E. Companions for their services as Installing Officers.

M. E. Comp. Middleton, then, as his first official ceremony presented M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson with a Past Grand First Principal's Jewel, in recognition of his energy and activity during his term as Grand Z. M. E. Comp. Johnson expressed his sincere thanks for the token of esteem, and thanked those who had so ably supported him, which had thus made his year successful.

After the Ceremony of Installation was completed, short addresses were given by Comp. Judge Boyle and M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.

On motion of R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter present to M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, the present regalia, used by the Grand First Principal, as soon as the new suit or regalia, as ordered by Grand Chapter, had been received.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Senior Sojourner.... V. Ex. Comp. J. S. McHardy, High River.
 Grand Junior Sojourner.... V. Ex. Comp. George W. Potter, Edmonton.
**Grant Lecturer..... R. E. Comp. James R. Flan, 122 5th Ave. E.,
 Calgary.**
 Grand Sword Bearer..... V. Ex. Comp. T. Ridpath, Lethbridge.
 Grand Master 1st Veil.... V. Ex. Comp. George Pattinson, Hillcrest.
 Grand Master 2nd Veil.... V. Ex. Comp. John Taylor, Strathmore.
 Grand Master 3rd Veil.... V. Ex. Comp. W. W. Pratt, Calgary.
 Grand Master 4th Veil.... V. Ex. Comp. H. H. Humber, Red Deer.
 Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.. V. Ex. Comp. C. W. E. Gardiner, Macleod.
 Grand Organist..... V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Ackland, Calgary.
 Grand Pursuivant..... V. Ex. Comp. James Hughes, Drumheller.
 Grand Steward..... V. Ex. Comp. H. C. Neal, Strathcona.
 Grand Steward..... V. Ex. Comp. H. G. Morris, Edmonton.
 Grand Steward..... V. Ex. Comp. John Duff, Olds.
 Grand Steward..... V. Ex. Comp. George W. Wright, Vermilion
 Grand Janitor..... Comp. S. H. Davies, Calgary.

The M. E. Grand First Principal, Comp. S. H. Middleton, appointed the following Committees:

Committee on "Ceremonials."—M. E. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, J. E. Johnson, J. N. Rankin, M. M. Downey, Geo. B. McLeod and R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan.

Committee for arrangement "WORK" to be used for the year.—M. E. Comps. J. E. Johnson, S. Y. Taylor, W. T. Coote, N. T. Macleod and R. E. Comp. Jas. R. Flan.

GRAND CONVOCATION CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being completed, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock p.m.

Edwin J. Ironside,

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1925

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand H.	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley	P. J. Dewie	F. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj.	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod	W. T. Coote	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Boves	E. D. H. Wilkins	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott
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CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1924

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 1923	Admissions	Joinings	Reservations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1924	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta.....	Calgary.....	2nd Monday.....	V. W. Wright.....	J. N. Rankin.....	269	8	3	3	3	25	17	252	17	17	17
2	North Star.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Wm. Baxter.....	C. W. Coppock.....	237	4	5	1	3	23	16	221	2	16	16
3	Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat.....	3rd Thursday.....	V. W. Parrish.....	W. B. Stevens.....	177	8	1	3	3	3	2	179	2	2	2
4	Shelkna.....	Lethbridge.....	2nd Wednesday.....	Percy Cull.....	Jas. H. Smith.....	159	11	2	1	5	4	1	163	4	4	4
5	Golden West.....	High River.....	4th Tuesday.....	Wm. J. Noble.....	P. G. Thomas.....	127	11	1	1	1	1	1	136	9	9	9
6	Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin.....	4th Thursday.....	Geo. L. Gothard.....	Geo. D. Wallace.....	96	3	1	1	2	14	12	84	3	12	12
7	Bekah.....	Macleod.....	1st Tuesday.....	C. A. Arthur.....	C. W. E. Gardiner.....	49	1	1	1	2	3	3	46	6	3	3
8	Kether.....	Pincher Creek.....	Friday on or before new moon.....	T. J. Cumberland.....	Chas. Boag.....	45	6	1	1	1	1	1	51	6	1	6
9	Otuskwaw.....	Calgary.....	1st Thursday.....	F. V. Truesdale.....	J. J. Webster.....	144	9	3	2	2	4	150	150	6	6	6
10	Bow Valley.....	Gleichen.....	2nd Wed. after full moon.....	W. F. Ferguson.....	Peter Maclean.....	76	3	1	6	3	3	70	70	6	6	6
11	Calgary.....	Calgary.....	2nd Wednesday.....	A. Davison.....	T. W. Mathews.....	109	5	1	2	4	4	109	109	6	6	6
12	Keystone.....	Red Deer.....	4th Tuesday.....	Geo. F. Ely.....	A. G. Ayres.....	148	11	1	1	1	1	1	140	8	8	8
13	Capital City.....	Edmonton.....	2nd Friday.....	David W. Cotton.....	David McIntosh.....	239	5	1	5	6	6	234	234	5	5	5
14	Vermilion.....	Vermilion.....	2nd Tuesday.....	W. E. MacKenzie.....	J. W. G. Morrison.....	85	1	1	1	7	7	80	80	7	7	7
15	Hillvue.....	Hillcrest.....	Wed. on or before new moon.....	W. E. G. Hall.....	John Stevenson.....	45	5	2	1	2	2	52	52	3	3	3
16	Tau Cross.....	Clareholm.....	2nd Tuesday.....	Edward H. Mack.....	J. F. Reynolds.....	34	3	3	3	3	3	37	37	3	3	3
17	Mt. Olivet.....	Killam.....	Wed. after new moon.....	W. T. Haynes.....	H. Delamater.....	76	3	3	3	3	3	79	79	3	3	3
18	Norwood.....	Edmonton.....	1st Thursday.....	R. Carswell.....	John F. Hall.....	87	10	3	3	3	4	93	93	6	6	6
19	The Hiram.....	Youngstown.....	Mon. on or after full moon.....	O. J. Cowin.....	David Dishan.....	92	7	7	7	7	7	99	99	7	7	7
20	Bauf.....	Bauf.....	Thursday after full moon.....	W. H. Hiscocks.....	A. N. Saddington.....	51	4	1	1	1	1	54	54	3	3	3
21	Strathmore.....	Strathmore.....	2nd Thursday.....	Arthur B. Foote.....	Harry Woods.....	56	2	2	2	4	7	47	47	2	2	2
22	Jos. Stauffer.....	Didsbury.....	Wed. after full moon.....	E. E. Freeman.....	J. Lester Clarke.....	70	3	3	3	3	3	72	72	2	2	2
23	Coronation.....	Coronation.....	3rd Thurs. after full moon.....	E. G. Pepper.....	O. D. Cochran.....	45	5	3	3	3	3	47	47	2	2	2
24	Crescent.....	Calgary.....	1st Monday.....	Arthur C. Casey.....	W. H. Parker.....	118	3	1	3	2	1	122	122	4	4	4
25	Strathcona.....	1st Wednesday.....	Thos. W. Bull.....	Geo. H. Travis.....	A. S. Ward.....	44	8	2	3	2	1	46	46	2	2	2
26	Harmony.....	Bassano.....	3rd Wednesday.....	Geo. H. Travis.....	J. R. Donaldson.....	33	6	2	3	2	1	41	41	8	8	8
27	Ebeyah.....	Drumheller.....	1st Friday.....	Jas McCulloch.....	T. Hooks.....	28	20	20	20	20	20	48	48	48	48	48
Totals						2711	173	37	11	55	116	9	2752	122	81	41

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The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the town of Banff on the Third Wednesday, being the 17th day of March, 1926.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clifford Rentzel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

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Grand Scribe E.

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South Carolina.....	J. J. Green.....	Edmonton
South Dakota.....	H. W. B. Bell.....	Strathmore
Tennessee.....	N. T. Macleod.....	Lethbridge
Texas.....	R. C. MacDonald.....	Edmonton
Utah.....	W. C. Black.....	Calgary
Vermont.....	M. M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Virginia.....	Wm. J. Stephenson.....	Red Deer
Victoria.....	David McIntosh.....	Edmonton
Washington.....	D. M. McLean.....	Edmonton
West Australia.....	Percy Fielding.....	Mannville
West Virginia.....	C. W. E. Gardiner.....	Macleod
Wisconsin.....	W. J. Haynes.....	Sedgewick
Wyoming.....	F. E. Nichol.....	Killam

APPENDIX

REPORT *of* COMMITTEE *on* FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We are pleased to submit the result of the annual review of those Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, which have been placed before us.

In former years the topical form of review has been used in this Jurisdiction, but as that plan did not meet with general approval from our fellow correspondents, we have in a measure departed from the topical form and have added certain statistics which we trust will be of interest to our readers.

While the net increase throughout the world last year was not as great as it has been in years past, we feel that greater interest in Capitular Masonry obtains than ever before.

We have endeavored to place before you interesting decisions on Capitular law, the efforts of officers to increase attendance, efforts to raise the standard of degree work and other matters peculiarly identified with the Royal Craft.

We trust that our efforts will meet with your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. JOHNSON, *Chairman*
S. Y. TAYLOR,
F. S. SELWOOD.

ALABAMA

97th Annual Convocation.

Held at Montgomery, Alabama, December 3rd, 1923.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests present.

Our Representative, Comp. Robt. E. Howard, on duty.

M. E. Comp. George A. Beuchamp, whose photo adorns the proceedings, has been Secretary since 1901. Although he was born in 1855 he looks like a boy of fifty. May he have many more years of activity.

The address of Grand High Priest Jacob Bley was concise and business-like. One of his decisions was rather peculiar:

Question.—Brother —— was elected to the Chapter degrees, received the Mark Master and Past Master degrees and was stopped by a Companion of the Chapter from further advancement. He now requests a demit.

Ruling.—That the Brother be granted a dismissal certificate and one-half of the fees paid by him be refunded.

When this Brother wakens up he will likely ask the same question that the darkey did who fell out of the balloon, "Where am I at?"

He issued a dispensation to ballot on a petition for affiliation on a namesake of the writer, aged 94 years. "Some Johnson."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported unfavorably on tinkering with the ritual, which is a cipher one.

Rough roads and other horse play eliminated.

A Scholarship Loan Fund was established.

86 Chapters. Membership of 15,151. Gain of 1,468.

ARIZONA

34th Annual Convocation.

Held at Globe, February 12th, 1924.

All eleven Chapters were represented.

Grand High Priest Max Fiedler visited ten during his term of office

Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan recognized.

11 Chapters. 1,270 Members. Gain, 46.

ARKANSAS

74th Annual Convocation.

Held at Little Rock, November 22nd, 1923.

The following is an excerpt from the address of M. E. Comp. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, who was present as a visitor:

"I want to see Royal Arch Masonry dignified, the home of thinking men. I want, when I see a Keystone or a Triple Triangle, on a man, to know that he is a man; that he is a Royal Arch Mason who is not ashamed of the Chapter; that he is not looking merely to the Commandery, but that he is engaged in a great work of research."

75th Annual Convocation.

Held at Little Rock, November 20th, 1924.

M. E. Comp. G. H. Parsons, Grand High Priest, gave a splendid resume of his activities during the year.

Alberta's Representative was not present at either Convocation.

61 Chapters. 8,044 Members. Gain, 538.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

5th Annual Convocation.

Held at New Westminster, June 20th, 1923.

M. E. Comp. C. F. Sherwin, Grand Z., visited every Chapter, with the exception of one at Prince Rupert. His annual report was a business-like document. His rulings and dispensations were according to good Masonic practice.

The Grand Superintendents of Districts were active and found the work of the Chapters satisfactory.

Something new in annual reports was that of the Grand Registrar, whose statement was to a great extent historical. We believe this would be a good idea for our own Grand Registrar to copy.

6th Annual Convocation.

Held at Vancouver, June 18th, 1924.

Our friend and Companion, M. E. Comp. Vernon W. Stewart, Grand Z., paid particular attention in his address to his fraternal visit to our Alberta Chapter and expressed his appreciation of courtesies received. Our only regret is that his visit was not of longer duration, but we assure the M. E. Companion he will be at all times welcome to Alberta.

He refused a dispensation to form a Chapter, owing to there being no Past Principal on the list of petitioners. He also refused to allow a British Columbia Chapter to request a Chapter in a sister Jurisdiction to confer all degrees on a candidate who had been ballotted on in the B. C. Chapter.—A correct ruling in our humble opinion.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

Klondike Chapter, Yukon Territory, having made application to become a constituent Chapter of British Columbia, was accepted into its fold, provided the Mother Grand Chapter were agreeable.

We notice our old Alberta Companions R. E. Comp. W. J. Seed and Ex. Comp. Alex Strathern are taking an active part in B. C. Royal Arch Masonry. "More power to them."

The splendid report of Grand Scribe E. Prescott shows: 22 Chapters; Members 2,437; Gain, 61.

CALIFORNIA

70th Annual Convocation.

Held at Pasadena, April 15th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative, R. E. Comp. Chas. H. King, filled the chair of Grand King.

A distinguished visitor in the person of M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, of North Dakota, was present and addressed the Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Wm. P. Humphries, expressed his approval of District out-of-doors meetings, held in secluded spots on ranches of Companions. At one of these out-of-doors meetings, seven hundred Companions were present.

The G. H. P. travelled over 11,000 miles during the year. The following, taken from his address, should be carefully observed by Officers of Alberta Chapters:

"Good attendance cannot be secured unless the degrees are conferred with accuracy and dignity, nor unless in addition to the degrees, the Chapter occasionally provides some interesting and attractive features. The old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" applies with as much force to Capitular Masonry as to any other department of life. The attendance at any Chapter depends largely upon the vision, energy and intelligence of its High Priest; but if this officer functions properly, he will have no difficulty with securing a goodly attendance."

116 Chapters. 22,097 Members. Gain, 1,410.

CANADA

66th Annual Convocation

Held at Toronto, February 24th, 1924.

125 Chapters were represented by 464 delegates.

Grand Chapter was welcomed to Toronto by City Controller R. H. Cameron, on behalf of His Worship the Mayor.

The Grand Z., M. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, made the following remarks on attendance at Chapter Convocations:

"May I not say a word about attendance. It often happens that men of ability are connected with a good Chapter, and yet profit, but little from their affiliation and bring an inappreciable addition of strength to the Order. They retain their seats in the Chapter room and when perfectly convenient and consistent with other engagements they occupy them, and do little else.

"Every Companion, irregular in his attendance, deprives himself of many benefits. No one whose heart is pervaded with the spirit of true fraternalism can attend any Chapter meeting without gaining many valuable thoughts and views, as well as a closer social contact with his fellow members. The experience of others enlightens, encourages and stimulates him to new and higher ideals.

"Regular attendance at Chapter meetings will do much towards promoting that sympathy and kindly feeling which should exist between members of the same Chapter. If any class of men should be united in the bonds of companionship surely members should be so. But without regular attendance, without taking any active part in the proceedings of the Chapter, a union of minds and hearts is impossible."

Distinguished visitors from Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts were present. The addresses given by these M. E. Companions were most fraternal and inspiring.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows 148 Chapters in the Province of Ontario and one in the Yukon—a total of 149, with a total membership of 24,547. The Ontario increase was 946.

The report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry is signed by M. E. Comp. Wm. N. Ponton, Chairman. It is unnecessary to state that the report is a splendid one. We wish we had space to quote every line. His remarks on "Interchange Visitations" between Grand Chapter Officers, follows:

"And as Companions breathe life into the Chapters and the Chapters, through their selected representatives—constitute the Grand Chapter with all its potential strength and responsibility, so the Grand Chapters that exchange Grand Representatives, and especially those Grand Chapters who reciprocally interchange visitations which are far more than official, conventional and courteous, do constitute **linked Battalions**. Here and now greeting and welcoming those Grand Jurisdictions that have sent their best to us from their Home Centres where our Rulers have tasted their abounding hospitality—their corn, wine, oil, incense and salt, we emphasize their significance and high import in determining the condition of Capitular Masonry. Our realization of its universality becomes clearer as latitude and longitude are merged in one far-flung brother line, and we emphasize our beneficent likenesses and forget our differences in this mutual clearing house of amity and friendship, this broadcasting and diffusion of good will and good sense. Our Masonic life is the richer through this interweaving of the magic carpet of Freemasonry—and while each retains his loyal allegiance to his own Flag and Mother Grand Chapter, the cords are lengthened and the stakes are strengthened in that good will among men that makes for peace among nations—peace, productive and permanent peace—peace at the centre and the circumference—

"Along our broadened border line—
We give but one glad countersign
So may it be till time shall end!
Halt—who goes there?—A friend!—a friend!
And thus we to the world may prove
That Nations can as Brothers love."

A Committee, consisting of three R. E. Companions, was appointed to report on the "advisability and practicability of establishing or endorsing the 'Order of De Molay for Boys'," and to report at the next Annual Convocation.

Over two pages of the Foreign Correspondence Report is devoted to "Alberta". Judge Morrison's address at our 1923 Convocation being freely quoted.

COLORADO

49th Annual Convocation.

Held at Denver, September 20th, 1923.

M. E. Comp. William S. Pickerill, our Representative, was present.

M. E. Comp. Will D. Grisard, Grand High Priest, regretted he was unable to visit all of his Chapters but his address shows that his year was one of great activity.

The Grand Lecturer had this to say about attendance:

“The average attendance of 17 at Stated Convocations amounts to only 11.4 per cent. of the membership and as this includes visitors, it is probable that the percentage of members attending is 10 or less. Thirty-five Chapters held Special Convocations, with a percentage of attendance of 25, including visitors.

“It is quite probable that Chapters could increase their attendance at Stated Convocations by the holding of meetings of instruction, both in the work and in the study of Capitular Masonry. No Chapter in this jurisdiction makes any pretense of posting its candidates in the lectures of the degrees, or none were doing so at the time of the visit of the Grand Lecturer, and as a result many of the members of these Chapters are kept in an unwarranted ignorance concerning Capitular Masonry. This is an injustice to them and also has a tendency to lower this branch of Masonry in their estimation.

“In the charge given to the candidate in the Most Excellent Master Degree, emphasis is laid on the fact that he has been accepted because he is considered able to “dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason,” and he is cautioned not to overlook the fact that if he is not already completely conversant with all the degrees heretofore conferred upon him, to remember that an indulgence prompted by a belief that he would apply himself with double diligence to make himself so has induced the brethren to accept him.

“These expressions have at present no real practical meaning, but each Chapter has the power of putting life into these words by giving instruction in the lectures on the degrees, and on Capitular Masonry in general.

“Some Chapters do their work in an excellent manner, others do not take the pains that the proper rendition of the work warrants, while others depend too much on the efforts of Past High Priests. For an officer to permit a Past High Priest to confer work because he himself is unable to do same, has a tendency to lower that officer in the estimation of the Companions of the Chapter, and when often done, to materially reduce the attendance.

52 Chapters. 7,966 Members. Gain, 153.

50th Annual Convocation.

Held at Denver, September 18th, 1924.

Our Representative present.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Reuben W. Hershey, only visited five Chapters. His intentions were good but circumstances prevented him from visiting others.

The Grand Lecturer appears to be a very zealous worker but regrets that "the average attendance at the stated and special Conventions has been less than that of the preceding year."

52 Chapters. 8,038 Members. Gain, 72.

The Grand Lodge evidently **has authority** over the Masons of the State:

"The Grand Lodge of Colorado does not claim any authority over purely capitolary action, but it does claim and we think it cannot be successfully controverted, authority over all Blue Lodge Masons in its jurisdiction, and whenever in its wisdom it sees a tendency toward acts which may bring disgrace or discredit on its membership it has authority to prevent such acts by its members. Nebraska has thought it not too much to prevent their joining the Shrine for five years after being raised. Agitation against "rushing" candidates through the bodies after receiving the degree of Master Mason is going on in a large number of states and Grand Masters have scored such methods to a finish. When the public and even Masons realize that there is no such thing as high Masons it will be a glorious day for Masonry. The highest Mason is not the one with a high numeral or a fez symbol of Islam, but the "Master Mason." The Grand Master of Masons of a State has authority over all Masons in his jurisdiction, no matter how high sounding may be the title of others, for if the foundation is cut away, the superstructure, no matter how ornate, will fall, and that is what will happen unless there is a drastic modification of the methods of campaigning for candidates."

CONNECTICUT

125th Annual Convocation.

Held at Hartford, May 8th, 1923.

Our Representative, R. E. Comp. William Bowers, present.

M. E. Comp. Arthur N. Nash, Grand High Priest, was active in his visitations. He has this to say with reference to "DeMolay":

"I have had several requests from Subordinate Chapters for permission to sponsor Chapters of DeMolay. As this movement was sponsored by the General Grand Chapter, at the Asheville, N.C., Convocation, I do not consider that permission was necessary but have in every case replied, that I was heartily in favor of and considered it one of the best and farthest reaching movements that Masonry can take up. I am sure that in a few years a great deal of our 'Material' will come from these Chapters."

And further on in his decisions:

Question.—Can a Chapter use its funds for the purpose of financing a Chapter of DeMolay?

Answer.—Yes. This movement is teaching our boys right thinking, right living, a respect for law and order, and all that is best in

American institutions and principals, and I consider it a worthy and legal expenditure of Chapter funds.

44 Chapters; 15,122 Members; gain, 732.

126th Annual Convocation.

Held at Hartford, May 13th, 1924.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. F. W. De Klyn, made a concise, business-like statement of his acts during the year. He has this to say re interest and attendance:

"The Chapters as a whole are in excellent condition. While there is not the rush of candidates that we had a few years ago, the effect of that rush is seen in the apparent lack of interest of those who were exalted at that time in the work of their respective Chapters. This lack of interest is also seen among the older members of our Chapters and I am sorry to say that this is not alone effecting our Masonry but also in our public affairs with our duties as citizens of our republic. This lack of interest should be given our earnest consideration and an effort made to keep our order in the place it deserves in our respective communities."

Evidently Alberta is not the only Jurisdiction where it has been found that the making of members is not in the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

Here also is plain talk and to the point:

Question.—Do you consider it right for a Chapter to visit around to the different Blue Lodge Rooms where no Chapter is held for the purpose of conferring certain degrees on a class that has been drummed up for the occasion.

Answer.—I do not approve of Chapters travelling around like a Circus for the purpose of conferring degrees upon classes. The Chapter degrees are now of such high order that it is not necessary to do this kind of work and I would not give my consent to any Chapter to do so. While I find no law which would stop these visits, I think it is bad custom and should be stopped.

44 Chapters; 15,798 Members; Gain, 678.

DELAWARE

56th Annual Convocation.

Held at Wilmington, January 16th, 1924.

R. E. Comp. John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary, represents Alberta.

The following are a few of the Standing Resolutions which may be of interest to our Alberta Companions:

Book of Marks.—All Mark Masons are required to adopt a mark, have the same recorded in the Book of Marks, in ink, officers of Subor-

dinate Chapters using all endeavors to have those who are at present members and who have not chosen for themselves a mark, to do so. 1895.

Membership Co-existent.—Membership in a Chapter be co-existent with membership in a Blue Lodge, i.e., that a Companion who is demitted from a Blue Lodge for more than one year, forfeits his membership in his Chapter. 1896.

Instruction of Candidates.—The High Priests of the several Subordinate Chapters are instructed to cause all candidates to perfect themselves in the essentials of the preceding degrees before being advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. 1897.

Use of Cipher.—The use of cipher is hereafter forbidden in open Chapter. 1904.

Conferring Degrees.—Resolution adopted January 16, 1907, which reads, "That the conferring of any degree of the Capitular systems under the authority of this M. E. Grand Chapter be confined to a High Priest or Past High Priest," be rescinded, and in the future the Scribe may confer the Mark Master's Degree; the King may confer the Most Excellent Master Degree, and the High Priest or Past High Priest the Past Master and Royal Arch Degrees. 1914.

Lapse of Time Between Conferring Degrees and Instruction of Candidates.—A period of one lunar month shall elapse between the conferring of each Capitular degree upon each candidate, with the exception of the Past Masters degree, which may be conferred in conjunction with either the Mark Master or Most Excellent Masters degree.

And that the resolution of 1897 be strictly enforced, that is, all candidates shall be instructed in the essentials, viz.: the signs, words, steps and obligations of each degree before being advanced to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason. 1921.

5 Chapters; 2,048 Members; Gain, 24.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

57th Annual Convocation.

Held at Washington, February 13th, 1924.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Roe Fulkerson, talks like an old sea captain. Look at this, ye Ancient Mariners:

"Companions, tonight I bring back to port the capitular ship entrusted to my keeping one year ago. The voyage has not been in any way remarkable. Fair skies and quiet seas have prevailed. There have been no wild storms of contention, no tidal waves of discord. The only difficulties of navigation have been the chilling icebergs of indifference met in every sea voyage.

"The freight I bring you tonight is the successful conclusion of our project to build a place of worship to be known as Royal Arch Hall for our guests at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and 564 new Companions who have been added to the crew of the capitular craft during the year.

"To me, as captain, the voyage has been a very, very happy one. As I am well insured, indicating longevity, and as only the good die young, I expect long to remember the placid seas of fraternity, the azure skies of friendship, the friendly ships hailed in passing, the sun-tipped white sails of brotherhood.

"To the officers who shared the quarterdeck with me I give my heartfelt thanks. It does not take an especially brilliant man to guide as well organized a ship as ours, but it does require unity of effort. So if it is found that even I have been able to keep her within the charted course, to my officers must much of the credit go.

"Only one dark cloud threatened our voyage. A Texas "norther" appeared on the southwestern horizon and for a time seemed ominous. There was a little lightning and a lot of thunder, but before we came into port all this had cleared away. The sun of my year sets with only rosy reflections at every point of the compass."

He concludes his splendid address with the following:

"That's all. I submit it without apology. I have tried hard not to violate Rule Five of the legislature of my native State of Tennessee, which reads, 'Do not take yourself too seriously.' But I have taken the position of Grand High Priest seriously and step down from it in the hope that you will approve this record.

"A little sun, a little rain,
A little loss, a little gain,
A little joy, a little strife,
And this is life.

A little work, a little play,
One kind deed done each passing day,
A few good-byes, a setting sun,
And life is done."

From the eulogy he tenders his Grand Secretary, Arvine W. Johnston, we believe they could man a duck boat on an Alberta slough—provided, of course, this scribe were the guide.

15 Chapters; 6,498 members; Gain, 257.

ENGLAND AND WALES

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons

Quarterlies of June 3rd, September 2nd and December 2nd, 1924.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.
R. W. Lord Aldenham, Dep. Grand Master.

W. Bro. Edward James Mills, P.A.G.D.C., retired on pension of £400 per annum after 48 years service at Mark Master's Hall, as Chief Clerk.

The record sum of £10,637, 6s, 9d was announced as having been paid and promised to the Benevolent Fund.

FLORIDA

78th Annual Convocation.

Held at Jacksonville, May 20th, 1924.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, in the course of his impressive address calls attention to abuses of authority current today:

"One cannot get away from the thought, it seems to me, that there are at least three sources of authority that are being greatly abused in the world today—the state, the home and the individual.

"Whenever one goes to the pulpit or to the writings of thoughtful men, one is impressed with the attention paid to the sins of commission of our youth today. But not youth alone seems to be caught up in the pervading atmosphere of lawlessness. We find it from the cradle to the friends of old age, this desire to rebel against established authority. It is then we recognize lawlessness as a rampant evil.

"One of the sources of personal lawlessness is the break-down of authority in the state and the rise of selfish individualism. A popular idea prevails, it seems to me, that one hundred per cent Americanism is involved in the claim that one must have individual liberty to have what one feels like doing, whether it is selling as unclean milk as one wishes to sell, or lynching a man. Unless Americanism can be made to mean less individualism and more social obligation, as I understand it, the republic is headed for perilous times.

"So widespread is this attitude that there is being developed a type of law interpreters, not those who feel that to honor the law, to see that it is respected and obeyed is their meat and drink, but those who make it their business not to interpret the law but to evade it. It is not difficult to see lawlessness that works, not with fists but with legal fiction, not with T. N. T. but with technicalities, and does it all smoothly and politely; for, as one has said, 'We may smile, and smile, and be a villain.'

"Another source of breakdown is in the family. Someone has said: 'There is just as much authority in the family as there ever was, but only the children exercise it.' It is only at our peril that we permit ourselves to lose a kind of spiritual authority which should prevail in the home.

"Again, the breakdown of authority occurs in individuals. D. L. Moody gave his now famous definition of character as: 'What a man is in the dark;' to what principles will he give his firm and unyielding obedience, in the quietness of his own thoughts, in the secret planning of all his actions. Obedience is the core of character. A tragic sight in the world today is the young men and the young women who do not discover that until it is too late. They begin as youth often begins, with unspoiled character, unsmirched reputation, but utterly failing to appreciate their opportunity; by lawless living they throw this chance away. They fail to see that it is easier to keep a character when they have it, than to recover it when it is lost.

"When we have recognized lawlessness as a rampant peril, we must see along with it the multitude of people that are merely law-abiding people, those who accept the dead level of mediocrity as a standard, who are no better than the average, who in consequence are living, alike for themselves and for social welfare, utterly unsatisfactory lives.

These multitudes carry the idea that they are content with any standard that allows them merely to "get by" without censure. It requires effort, firmness, decision of character to set a standard of their own. The deadly average whose only desire is to "get by," are not willing to put forth this effort.

"In a day when there is no hope for our civilization except in *superior* character, godly people should realize that the cause for which they sing means something besides singing—courage to live above the average and ahead of the time."

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

51 Chapters; 7,405 Members; Gain, 292.

GEORGIA

101st Annual Convocation.

Held at Macon, April 25th, 1923.

R. E. Comp. B. S. Brown, Alberta Representative, present.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. A. G. Miller, is a business-like statement of his work. His remarks on Capitular conditions re Candidates is worth quoting:

"The year just closing has been marked by a steady progress in the affairs of Capitular Masonry. The last five years had seen Capitular Masonry growing in membership by leaps and bounds and interest in this branch of Masonry increasing beyond all expectation. The past year has been more in the nature of a halt in our advancement in order that we might consolidate and make sure the positions we have gained. Like some mighty army, which in the hour of victory, having gained a vast amount of new territory, stops the advance that it may concentrate and collect its scattered forces, make sure the fruits of the victory and thus present a stronger front to the foe. Thus the closing year gives earnest of a more glorious future for the Order we love so well."

The following decisions are worthy of note:

Question.—An applicant's Blue Lodge membership is within the jurisdiction of a certain Chapter, but his legal residence is within that of another Chapter, to which Chapter does he belong?

Answer.—To the Chapter within whose jurisdiction his legal residence is located.

Question.—Is not a Royal Arch Mason (a member of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Georgia) who has written out the obligation of a Royal Arch Mason guilty of un-Masonic conduct?

Answer.—Yes.

Question.—Is not a Royal Arch Mason who carries around in his pocket such a copy, guilty of un-Masonic conduct?

Answer.—Yes.

164 Chapters; 18,469 Members; Gain, 322.

102nd Annual Convocation.

Held at Macon, April 30th, 1924.

M. Ex. Comp. Wm. F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, was present and addressed the Companions.

Grand Chapters of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New South Wales recognized.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. C. H. Andrew ruled that the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master must not be communicated except under dispensation from the Grand High Priest. On the matter of non payment of dues he has this to say:

"It would be ridiculous to say our Companions failed to pay their dues on account of being unable to do so. For strange as it may seem, the majority of those who are suspended for non-payment of dues, are those who are amply able to do so, successful lawyers, bankers, and farmers.

"The dues of the Chapter are less than a penny a day. Going without a few cigars, a meal or two would more than pay the dues for the year. The fault must be the fault of the Chapter itself, often it is the fault of the Secretary.

"Now, in this connection, I want to suggest that our Secretaries be better paid for their work than some of our Chapters are paying theirs. The percentage plan is a good one and I suggest that the Chapters who are not paying their Secretaries what they are entitled to, that they adopt that plan. The Chapter I am a member of pays the Secretary ten per cent. on both initiation fees and on dues, and it is to his interest to see that every Companion pays up for the ensuing year, and we have very few suspensions."

The Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. E. A. McHan, is also the Grand Lecturer. He certainly is a worker.

164 Chapters; 19,125 members; Gain, 530.

IDAHO

16th Annual Convocation.

Held at Boise, May 21st, 1924.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Jay R. Mason, made the following recommendation re proficiency of officers:

"From observation, and from advice of some of our active members, I am convinced that the time has arrived when this Grand Chapter should insist on officers of our Chapters becoming proficient in the Ritual; at least the High Priest should be competent to confer all of the Chapter degrees, and that this may be brought about, I recommend for your careful consideration, that the High Priest, before being installed, should have a certificate of proficiency from the Grand Lecturer, setting forth that he is fully competent to confer the Chapter degrees.

"Should this recommendation meet with your approval, ample time should be given, that officers may become proficient before the regulation is made effective. The Grand Lecturer may be authorized to accept the avouchment of his Deputies, High Priests, and Past High Priests, as to qualifications of applicants for certificates."

But the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the time was inopportune and the remedy impractical.

"This committee believes that the time is inopportune and the remedy impractical to require a certificate of proficiency on the part of a newly elected High Priest as a prerequisite to the acceptance of office. It realizes the great importance of proficiency in the ritualistic work on the part of all officers; upon a proper and effective rendition of the ritual depends in a great measure the Masonic future of the recipient of the degrees, but the cure for the deficiency of certain individual delinquencies is not always found in the passing of preemptory laws doubtful of enforcement.

"The General Grand Chapter printed a hand-book of Forms and Ceremonies which ought to be in the hands of each Chapter. There is included a form of installation of Chapter Officers. Your committee would recommend that our Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of this handbook free to each Chapter and that he be instructed to send on a separate slip the following charge to the High Priest:

'12a. That you believe that the success of your Chapter depends much upon the proficiency of all officers in the effective rendition of the Ritual, and that you will exert every effort to the end that your subordinate officers perfect themselves in the work of the Ritual; and that you will, yourself, so perfect yourself in the conferring of all degrees that the charge may not be made against you and your Chapter that you have failed during your term to add to its lustre as a worthy unit of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction'."

23 Chapters; 2,702 Members; Gain, 121.

ILLINOIS

74th Annual Convocation.

Held at Chicago, October 25, 1923.

R. E. Comp. A. J. Schattgen, our Representative, present.

M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Eichler visited many of his Chapters. His Annual address is a statistical report void of oratory.

The Order of De Molay has received enthusiastic endorsement.

235 Chapters; 82,345 Members; Gain, 4,074.

75th Annual Convocation.

Held at Chicago, October 30, 1924.

R. E. Comp. A. J. Schattgen, Alberta Representative, Grand King.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. J. C. Ferrin, in the course of his brilliant address makes the following statements which are particularly worthy of attention:

"I received a request for dispensation to permit a Chapter to go to a neighboring village and confer the Royal Arch degree in the lodge hall of that village, on several candidates who were members of the lodge in said village; the idea being to advertise the Chapter, and perhaps to secure more candidates from that lodge. This request was denied, with the information that the Chapter could not travel from place to place for advertising, or for the purpose of securing candidates.

"It is to be regretted that there are yet a few members of our Chapters who profess to believe that Royal Arch Masons want to see the degrees conferred in a manner such as will afford a source of amusement to the Companions present, instead of for the benefit of the candidates, but where such practices are still indulged in, it is noticeable that when the time comes for the lectures, very few are left in the hall, aside from the officers, and the candidates; as those members who really enjoy seeing good work, will not attend Chapter to see "horse-play." To refute the idea that the Companions have no interest in dignified and impressive work, it is only necessary to visit some Chapter in Chicago, where notice has been given that the Royal Arch degree will be conferred by officers of the Grand Chapter, and you will invariably find the hall filled with members, and visitors, most of whom will still be at attention until the degree is completed, and the Chapter closed. The order and decorum maintained in most of the Chapters visited has been all that could be desired; but it is sometimes beyond my comprehension why a room full of grown up men should rush to one end of the hall, to see three candidates exemplify the passage of the children of Israel through the River Jordan; this is frequently seen in many of our Chapters, but if the Companions would think for a moment how absolutely silly and childish such a procedure is, I am sure they would not again indulge in it."

Clubs and Sabbath Desecration.

"There seems to be a growing tendency to set at naught the example of our ancient brethren, wherein we are taught to 'reverence the Sabbath day and keep it holy.'

"Each returning summer tends to increase the number of Sunday picnics given by Royal Arch Chapters, or under the subterfuge of some club having the sanction of a Royal Arch Chapter. Many such picnics, sometimes characterized as 'motor-runs' have been held during the past summer, where athletic contests, games and other forms of outdoor amusements have been promoted, with prizes given to the winners, and in fact these picnics have been conducted with no thought of reverence for the day, or of what the example might tend to lead to. They have been given publicity through the medium of Masonic papers, and other forms of advertising, calculated to make it known to the world that Sunday means no more to Royal Arch Masons than a holiday dedicated to sport, and a good time for its members and their families, such as might with propriety be enjoyed on any other day of the week.

"In my opinion the Grand Chapter would be exceeding its prerogatives, did it attempt to regulate the acts of individual members, in this, or any other matter pertaining to religious observances.

"I do believe, however, that the Grand Chapter has the right, and it is its duty to legislate against any of its subordinate bodies,

or any club held under the auspices of such a body, doing any act that tends to bring reproach upon the name of Royal Arch Masonry.

"As long ago as 1914 the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. was constrained to act on the propriety of lodges holding Sunday picnics; this it did by making it unlawful for any lodge in this State to hold a picnic on Sunday. This fact alone, were there no other considerations, than those conforming to Grand Lodge requirements, should be sufficient to prevent the practice of Royal Arch Chapters, thus disregarding the sanctity of the Sabbath day.

The sincerity of our profession is justly judged by the degree of consistency with which we observe them; and if we hope to retain the respect and confidence of the outside world and avoid the appearance of hypocrisy and insincerity, we must endeavor to live up to our professions, and practice outside the Chapter, those virtues that are inculcated in it.

The Committee on Jurisprudence most heartily concurred with the remarks of the Grand High Priest on Sabbath desecration.

235 Chapters; 86,410 Members, Gain, 4,067.

The largest Grand Chapter in the World.

INDIANA

79th Annual Convocation.

Held at Terra Haute, October 22nd 1924.

R. E. Comp. Robt. M. H. Britton, Alberta's Representative, present.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. John H. Wineland, made the following recommendations re Marks, but the Committee on Jurisprudence would not approve:

"Many of the Chapters, and especially the older ones, are sadly lacking in the matter of recorded Marks, and despite the earnest endeavors of the Secretaries, such Marks are still lacking, making it impossible to complete the records or issue dimitts in accordance with the Regulations, I therefore recommend the following: That Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters having members who have never recorded their Marks are hereby directed to record as the Mark of such Companion the initials of the full name of the Companion, and that the Mark so recorded shall be the Mark of such Companion, the same as though selected and recorded by him.

"The Grand Lecturer has found that in some Chapters the Regulation in relation to the recording of Marks before the candidate is advanced are being ignored. Something should be done to correct this and I recommend that the Committee to which this matter is referred report an amendment to Section 82 that will provide a penalty for the violation of this Regulation, for your consideration and action.

The Grand Secretary made the following apt remarks re suspensions:

"From the above it will be seen that, notwithstanding a loss of 193 members by forfeiture of charter, our net gain was 99 more than for last year. Even so, it is one of the fundamental necessities of every Chapter to strictly guard against suspensions, and in many cases dismissions. It is fine to get new material; it is finer to hold what we already have.

124 Chapters; 33,019 Members; Gain, 579.

IOWA

70th Annual Convocation.

Held at Burlington, October 11th, 1923.

| Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized and Representative authorized.

129 Chapters; Members, 23,347; Gain, 739.

71st Annual Convocation.

Held at Spencer, October 9th, 1924.

R. E. Comp. E. B. Soper, representing Alberta, present.

M. E. Comp. Geo. E. Masters, in closing his businesslike report, uses the following words:

"All that I have done and all that I have said in my official capacity have been done and said with but one thought in mind, the ultimate good of Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. My service, if service it may be called, has been one of the most pleasant experiences of my life and I shall ever recall it with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction. Pleasure that it has been given me to render such service as I may have rendered and the satisfaction expressed in the lines written by the crippled Potter.

"The world is at its best, I feel
A Triumph in the work I do.
With every turning of the wheel
I add a little that is new
To masses shapeless in the past
I even—I give shape—I bring
From the silent uselessness at last
The pleasing useful thing.
All that has been since first the light
Shot out across the gulfs of space
Was that my crowning labor might
Put something in its ordered place.
The sound the toiling thousands make
Is earth's sublimest symphony
And I, a worker, proudly take
The part assigned to me."

129 Chapters; 23,944 Members, Gain, 597.

KANSAS

59th Annual Convocation.

Held at Topeka, February 25th, 1924.

The address of M. E. Comp. Chas. N. Fowler, Grand High Priest, deserves more mention than it is possible to give in the short space allowed me. He strikes from the shoulder, as the following excerpts show:

"It is a deplorable fact that Capitular Masonry seems to have absorbed some of the spirit of the times. This is especially true in the matter of disrespect, disregard and contempt for Masonic law and constituted authority. The mad race for pleasure in many of our chapters, a number of which are brushing aside not only the Ritual but the law, as well as violating well defined principles of Masonic custom in their extravagance and pursuit of pleasure—perhaps not with premeditated intent—but thoughtlessly following the trend of the times, has produced a condition which calls for serious consideration. Let us recall the warning of our first Grand High Priest issued fifty-nine years ago, at the first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter—a warning which is of more concern, fuller of meaning, and deserving of more serious consideration at this time than ever before."

"I am indeed pleased with the increase in membership during the year. While it may not be as large as during the years immediately following the war, it shows a steady growth of good men and true, which is more to be desired than large numbers. The great need today is for real Masons, with a vision of what Masonry really is, Masons with a burning desire to do what they can for Masonry, and not what Masonry can do for them.

Someone has said, 'A real Mason is one who so lives in the midst of this mystery-haunted world, who so works among the winged days that little children may be happier, youth more joyous, manhood more clean and old age less lonely; who so lives that men will hate less and love more, be honorable in public dealings as in private acts, create more than destroy; who so lives that the great kingdom of Brotherhood may be brought nearer and man be bound closer to man and woman closer to woman.'

"In making real Masons, it is necessary first to secure the proper material, but that is not all—a great responsibility rests upon those who are chosen as officers to see to it that the lessons of our great Institution are properly and impressively exemplified. The manner of conferring the beautiful, sacred degrees of Capitular Masonry in a number of chapters is deplorable. The teachings and impressive lessons supposed to be inculcated are sacrificed for cheap fun and so-called 'horse play,' and the seeker for Truth and Light is subjected to all sorts of humiliation. What must be the impression received by an earnest, honest seeker for Masonic Truth when one minute a prayer ascends to our Heavenly Father and the next he is led over an electric mat or forced to undergo some other outrageous treatment amid the loud, boisterous laughter of those who know not the first principle of the real meaning of Masonry, and care less. I shall not name the Chapters which are guilty of these disgraceful tactics. The most of them are known to me and those guilty know it for themselves. I firmly believe there is an earnest desire on the part of each and every Chapter to refrain from such disgraceful unmasonic conduct during the

conferring of degrees in the future, and therefore will not report the names and locations."

Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized and exchange of Representatives recommended.

94 Chapters; 20,787 Members; Gain, 1,054.

KENTUCKY

106th Annual Convocation.

Held at Louisville, October 16th, 1923.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Comp. Sam K. Veach, present.

Recognition of Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan granted.

129 Chapters; 19,396 Members; Gain, 690.

107th Annual Convocation.

Held at Louisville, October 21st, 1924.

M. E. Comp. Sam K. Veach, our Representative, present.

The Masons of Kentucky support two Masonic Homes. In the Old Masons Home at Shelbyville there are 62 old Masons and four widows. It occupies a farm of 175 acres and the per capita cost per year was \$384.16. There is also a Widows and Orphans Home in Louisville where there are 36 widows, 202 girls and 235 boys—a total of 474 residents. The per capita cost was \$195.00.

129 Chapters; 20,287 Members; Gain, 410.

LOUISIANA

77th Annual Convocation.

Held at New Orleans, February 5th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative, Ex. Comp. Leon S. Haas, present.

Under the heading "State of the Order" M. E. Comp. Edwin F. Gayle, Grand High Priest, made the following remarks:

"There seems at this time, to be a general feeling of enthusiasm among the membership of the Order and an increased pride in the members on account of their status as Royal Arch Masons. There seems less inclination to regard the Capitular Degrees as a stepping stone to the Shrine than heretofore. I believe that this appreciation grows out of the fact that we are fast cutting loose from the crude exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree and the adoption of the

General Grand Chapter Ritual and its method of exemplification. In fact, the Degree has passed from the abstract to the concrete; from moral platitudes and generalities to the concrete application of the principals inculcated to modern, social and economic life.

"The Degrees, as now exemplified, carry to the heart and to the conscience, a message of patriotism, love of country and pride of race. The elimination of the "Rough Stuff" now enables the candidate and the Companions to appreciate the great fundamental, social and historical principals underlying the exclamation, "As long as they were faithful to God, they prospered, but when the Children of Israel forgot and forsook their God, national ruin came upon them." The candidate can now trace the history of nations of the world and read the lesson of human progress in these lines. As nations of the past, and races of the past have arisen, prospered and become great and mighty, and then crumbled into decay and disintegration, when its people transgress social, moral and economic law, thus we, Royal Arch Masons of today realize that the august degree carries the vital lesson, that in the case of our own dear country, so long as our American people are faithful to the God of their fathers and retain a pride of race, a love of country, a reverence for our constitution and laws, and institutions, this American country and American people will flourish and grow stronger, but when our people develop social vices, when they forget the history of the origin and development of the nation, and the basis upon which it is instituted or founded, when they lose the qualities of patriotism, love of country and pride of race then our country will begin to deteriorate and disintegrate.

"The proper exemplification of the august degree of the Royal Arch, is bringing to the Craft, realization that the journey from Babylon to Jerusalem, is not one in which pain and hardship, suffering and humiliation is to be emphasized so much as the magnificent patriotism, love of country, pride of race, worship of the true and everliving God, that inspired the sojourners to brave every danger and endure every hardship in order to participate in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding and rejuvenating their broken nation, their ruined city and their demolished temple. These ideas firmly planted in the minds of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana, is giving it an impetus in proportion as these thoughts and ideals are kept alive in the minds of the Companions."

57 Chapters; 8,653 Members; Gain, 1,094.

MAINE

99th Annual Convocation.

Held at Portland, May 6th, 1924.

R. E. Comp. W. Scott Shorey, Alberta Representative, present.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grand Chapters recognized.

In his address, M. E. Comp. David L. Wilson, Grand High Priest, congratulated the Chapters on their dignified rendition of the Work. There are evidently a few officers who consider horse play of greater interest than dignity and impressiveness.

"Here and there are still to be found Companions in office who grossly misunderstand the significance of the Capitular Degrees, but

they are in a very great minority and it is to be hoped that in a very short time none will be found who will so demean the work of the Royal Craft. Continued persistency in an order of work, which is belittling both to the Fraternity and to men as men, should receive a just and worthy rebuke from this Grand Chapter, wherever it is brought to light."

65 Chapters; 16,933 Members; Gain, 620.

MANITOBA

1st Annual Convocation.

Held at Winnipeg, February 6th, 1924.

We congratulate R. E. Comp. Harry F. Moulden, Grand Scribe E. on the splendid appearance of the proceedings.

Under the heading, "Introduction" is a History of the Province, its products and industries, by R. E. Comp. F. W. Brownell. This introduction will undoubtedly be of great interest to Royal Arch Masons in other Jurisdictions.

The address of M. E. Comp. W. D. Lawrence Grand Z. was eloquent and interesting. We quote his remarks on "Outside Activities of Masons":

"Much controversy has been waged about the question whether or not Masons, as a body, should participate in the various public movements which from time to time arise. To my mind such participation can only be at the expense, to some extent at least, of that harmony which is, and ever should be, the soul of a Masonic Lodge. Our schools and colleges do not as such take an active part in public affairs. Yet they educate and mould the character of the men who in later years direct and control those affairs. The Duke of Wellington once said that 'the battle of Waterloo was won on the cricket fields of Eton.' If Freemasonry can do for our men of mature age what our schools are doing for our boys, what our colleges are doing for our young men, what Eton did for the veterans who stopped Napoleon at Waterloo—if Freemasonry can do these things, if Freemasonry can send Masons out into the arena of life, imbued and fortified with the principles that the Order stands for, then that other question may very well be left unanswered. And if I can leave any message with you, my Companions today, it is just this: To practice and preach the principles of our Order, not only in the Lodge and in the Chapter, but among your fellows. I heard a speaker say, not long ago, that Masonry has the things that the world needs today; that Masonry is the panacea for the ills of the nations, but that the world cannot receive that healing balm if Masons shut themselves in the guarded walls of a lodge room, beat upon their breasts and cry with the ancient Pharisee: 'Thank God, I am not as other men are.' It is said that the sunlight is so refracted by the colored windows of some of the old cathedrals that it harmonizes and softens the coloring and the architecture of the whole interior, and gives to it a beauty such as nothing else can give. A poet has called such windows the garment of light. Masons are the garment of Freemasonry. And if we so reflect the light of our Order on our fellow men that they see that it is good they too will believe. It can be done, and the possibilities are endless. Practise your Masonry by the side of the road where the

race of men go by. Share their smiles. Share their tears. Live in a house by the side of the road. Be a friend not only of Masons, but of men. The ripples will widen, widen until they touch the life, not only of your community, but of your Province, of your country, of your nation. And when the principles of Freemasonry touch the life of the nations, when the nations realize that might is not right, when the great nations respect and maintain the rights of the smaller, when nations, like Masons, meet upon the level and part upon the square, then fantastic or illusory though it may seem, we will be close to that millenium, for which we all hope, of which we scarce dare speak, but towards which, in the centuries since Calvary, we have come a long, long way.

"When the war drums throb no longer
When the battle flags are furled
In the parliament of man
The federation of the world."

R. E. Comp. Moulden, in his secretarial report, expressed his thanks to officers of Alberta Grand Chapter for assistance given him in his work. It was a labor of love, Comp. Moulden, and we were pleased to have the opportunity to assist.

13 Chapters; 1,531 Members; Gain, 82.

MARYLAND

126th Annual Convocation.

Held at Baltimore, November 22, 1923.

Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

In the absence of M. E. Comp. Wm. Mohr, the Grand High Priest's address was read by the Acting Grand High Priest.

The Order of De Molay for Boys is sponsored by Maryland Chapters as well as by Scottish Rite Bodies. "The increase in membership and the influences for good among our boys continues unabated."

Here are a few of the regulations which are worthy of note:

"No candidate shall be exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch who has not previously recorded his mark.

"No Chapter shall admit to membership any Companion who shall, at the time, be a member of any other Chapter.

"The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason by a Lodge shall deprive him of membership in the Chapter."

25 Chapters; 9,094 Members; Gain, 382.

MASSACHUSETTS

125th Annual Convocation.

Held at Boston, December 11th, 1923.

This Grand Chapter holds quarterly Convocations and the reports all show that harmony and prosperity prevails.

The annual address of M. E. Comp. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest, contains many items of interest to Royal Arch Masons. His term of office was one of continuous action and service. In his opening remarks to Grand Chapter he made use of the following beautiful language:

"A broad field of opportunity for service lies before you, and you may well be pardoned the thrill of pride which you must feel that you are now a part of a great legislative body, created for the betterment of our fellow men and dedicated to the advancement of Capitular Masonry throughout the world. The benefits to be derived from contact with those whose experience and wisdom make them worthy leaders in our craft cannot be overemphasized, and you are urged to make free use of their aid and counsel in the solution of the problems that lie before you.

"The harmony prevailing among our Chapters and the loyal support of all good undertakings for the advancement of our Order is a source of gratification to us all, and we may well render thanks to the Supreme High Priest for all the blessings of harmony and contentment with which we have been so generously endowed."

Evidently there are a few Masonic climbers in Massachusetts as in other Jurisdictions:

"Our institution will be better served if its activities are directed by men of serious purpose and lofty ideals, rather than by those whose personal ambition is the impelling motive of their Masonic service, or in whom there exists a tendency to overemphasize the social aspects of their Chapter's activities at the expense of the moral teachings of its Ritual."

Masonic etiquette and courtesy due Grand Chapter officers, is brought to the attention of the Companions in this paragraph:

"May I remind you once more that in his own District and when on official visits of ceremony, the District Deputy is entitled to and should receive precedence over all others. Present or Past Grand Officers should not be separately received on such occasions, but should accompany the District Deputy as members of his suite."

Many distinguished visitors were present at this 125th Anniversary. It has been a treat to read their addresses.

95 Chapters; 39,186 Members; Gain, 1,519.

MICHIGAN

75th Annual Convocation.

Held at Flint, May 15th, 1923.

R. E. Comp. Chas. Wade Mixer representing Alberta, was present.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Roy Andrews, arrested the Charter of a Chapter guilty of using forbidden and undignified methods in presentation of the Royal Arch Degree. However, after a couple of months on the gridiron the officers repented, promised to be good and the Charter was restored. He also reprimanded another Chapter for "rough house and horse play." At last accounts this Chapter was still unrepentant." The Committee on Jurisprudence approved in each case. We are at a loss to understand why the Charter was not arrested in the second case. In his address he enlarges on the above and pays a compliment to Canadian methods.

"The fact that during the past year it has been necessary to reprimand one chapter and arrest the charter of another is evidence that our degrees are not being properly conferred. Even the edict in the Royal Arch Degree is an admission and confession that that degree is not free from levity, cruelty and undignified farce. Personally, it is only since I have seen the new work that I have been convinced that the Royal Arch is a sublime degree. As too often conferred, it is anything but sublime. Other states using rituals similar to ours, are having the same trouble, as a perusal of their proceedings will show. One state reports the arrest of a charter for undignified work in the Past Master's degree. Companions, this condition ought not to prevail and the necessity of repressive measures indicates that there is something wrong with a ritual which renders such measures necessary. I am fully persuaded that certain undesirable practices have become so associated with our present ritual that the adoption of a new ritual will be the easiest and most effective manner of eradicating the evil.

"I was deeply impressed with the dignity and solemnity of the ritualistic work which I witnessed at Toronto while attending the Grand Chapter of Canada, and our Canadian companions had fun too. More fun than is often seen in any of our chapters. The difference being that they had their fun outside the chapter room.

"The same thing is true of the boys of the DeMolay. If boys in their teens who are bubbling over with the effervescence of young life, can present their degree work in the most dignified manner possible, surely we, who have gray hairs, ought not to expect to make a circus out of our ritual."

He ruled that a Companion could not hold two offices in the Chapter, those of Secretary and Treasurer. Good law.

Another ruling, which is very similar to one given in Alberta Grand Chapter (1924), is as follows:

A Companion dimitted from a Michigan Chapter and moved to Ohio, but afterwards wished to rejoin the Michigan one. The Grand High Priest ruled that:

"If Comp. Smith now desires to have a membership in your Chapter, it is unfortunate that he requested this demit, but as it was his own voluntary act he must be governed by it.

"You ask what Comp. Smith can do if you cannot take him back into your chapter. It is my opinion that as long as he retains his residence in Toledo, Ohio, there are only two things he can do. One is to present his certificate of demit to some Chapter in Ohio. The other is to remain a voluntary non-affiliate."

"I am sorry that I cannot give you the information you desire but as I am persuaded that our regulations precludes your Chapter from taking the action it desires, I am forced to make the above ruling."

The Committee on Jurisprudence concurred in the above ruling.

76th Annual Convocation.

Held at Lansing, May 21st, 1924.

Alberta's Representative was again present.

M. E. Comp. W. H. Van Iderstine, Grand High Priest, gave a practical businesslike address. His decisions were approved of by the Committee on Jurisprudence with one exception, that on Life Membership of a Companion who had been suspended for six and one half years but who had become reinstated. This Companion had been a member for thirty years and his "falling from grace", according to the Committee, barred him from Life Membership.

Instead of the usual report on Foreign Correspondence, R. E. Comp. Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary, gives a splendid "History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree" as gathered from various sources. Companion Conover is to be congratulated on his work in this regard. The Alberta Chapters have been provided with copies and have found the work both interesting and profitable.

167 Chapters; 44,554 Members; Gain, 1,994.

MINNESOTA

63rd Annual Convocation.

Held at St. Paul, October 14, 1924.

R. E. Comp. Frank H. McCuskey, Alberta's Representative present.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Wm. J. Works, impresses one with the fact that he was an enthusiastic officer, energetic in his visitations and has backbone enough to call a "spade, a spade." He gives credit where credit is due, but does not hesitate to place plainly before his Grand Chapter matters that he found were not as they should have been. These are samples:

"The majority of the Chapters are in a prosperous condition, are doing good work and have demonstrated their right to existence.

"There are some, however, which have no reason for continuing, and are indifferent as to whether they continue as a Chapter or not.

"Such Chapters are of no value to Masonry nor to the community in which they function. Masonry is a too old and respected institution that we should permit a Chapter or any other Masonic body to exist where it takes no pride in itself and we might say is the "laughing stock" of the community. I am convinced that in towns where there is no Blue Lodge or Chapter, Masonry is looked upon by the people with a great deal more respect than in the communities where they do have them but have no pride in themselves.

"Such Chapters should, I believe, be put on a probation for a certain period and then if they do not manifest more zeal their Charters should be revoked."

"Several of our Subordinate Chapters are doing wonderful work in the sponsoring of the Order of De Molay, while one Chapter in Minneapolis has a troop of Boy Scouts which they are looking after.

"There is a field in every community where a Chapter exists for similar work.

"So, Companions, I like to visualize our Chapters taking their place in the Masonic world where they belong, our Capitular degrees conferred with all the solemnity that is in them and our Chapters undertaking some worthy work other than the mere conferring of degrees and making candidates for some higher Masonic Body, and like the three Weary Sojourners who came up from Babylon and at the first sight of their abandoned city, said, 'Me thinks I see Jerusalem in all her Grandeur.' We can accomplish this, Companions, if we set out to do it."

87 Chapters; 16,462 Members; Gain, 1,327.

MISSOURI

78th Annual Convocation.

Held at Columbia, April 22, 1924.

The Missouri proceedings are prefaced by a biographical sketch of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Dr. John Pickard, and we cannot better sum up his activities than by quoting the following from the biography:

"The year just closed has been to him a most busy one. He has magnified his office and indelibly impressed upon the Royal Craft throughout the state its dignity and its rank. The Chapter in Missouri is no longer looked upon as a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery or the Shrine. It is fast coming, as it should, into its own. The conferring of the Past Master and the Royal Arch is no more a spectacular joke, and rare fun for the looker-on. And in this transformation the Doctor has taken no mean part."

The Convocation was held in the Women's Gymnasium of the University. The Chaplain in his opening prayer quoted from the Psalmist:

"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage."

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present but there was one, M. E. Comp C. C. Woods, who sent his regrets. He had been deprived of the privilege of attending twice in fifty years. What an example of zeal and loyalty for some Past Officers who are rarely seen after passing through the chairs!

One of the Grand High Priest's decisions, evidently according to regulations in Missouri, was as follows:

Question.—After a candidate has been duly elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter, how many Companions must object in order to stop the conferring of the degrees upon this candidate?

Answer.—Three. See Section No. 168 of the Grand Chapter By-laws.

In Alberta objection may be made by *one* Companion, in writing, and the Chapter shall proceed to investigate the said charges.

The Grand High Priest has this to say about qualifications of officers:

"It seems to me that every officer of a Chapter should know the duties of two positions—the position he was chosen to occupy and the position next above him in the line.

"Many Masonic bodies in this and other Grand Jurisdictions have been ruined because a few men, often through no fault of theirs, have come into possession of the work and the younger members have not been encouraged, compelled or even permitted to confer the degrees.

"No man ever fully understands or comprehends the marvelous content of Freemasonry until he has stood at the altar striving as best he may to hand on this sublime teaching to the candidate kneeling before him. Companions, let us permit, encourage, compel the officers as they pass the chairs to have a share in the rich experience of actually conferring degrees."

In connection with a request that a Charter be restored to a delinquent Chapter he says:

"I further recommend that the following be the conditions upon which the Charter may be restored:

- (1) That every member shall have paid all delinquent dues or stand suspended for nonpayment of dues.
- (2) That the Chapter shall be able to confer all the degrees, including lectures and charges, without referring to the printed ritual.
- (3) That the robes and paraphernalia generally be made to meet reasonable requirements.
- (4) That this Chapter be ready to pass inspection on or before June 1, 1924.
- (5) That unless the conditions enumerated above be met by June 1, 1924, the arrested Charter be declared forfeited beyond recall."

If the above conditions are carried out this Chapter will not be a "mere stepping stone" but a real foundation stone of R. A. Masonry.

Considerable space is given to the "Special Convocations" called by the late M. E. Comp. Dr. W. F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, for the purpose of conferring the Most Excellent Degree on large classes. These Convocations seem to have been a fitting climax to a long life devoted to Capitular Masonry.

One of the outstanding features of the Grand Convocation was the reception given to R. E. Comp. Sir Alfred Robbins, of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England: "The Grand High Priest left the Grand East and, followed by the full escort, seated the Noble Companion in the Grand East." The distinguished guest was presented with a beautiful Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

112 Chapters; 35,086 Members; Gain, 2,638.

NEBRASKA

58th Annual Convocation.

Held at Omaha, December 10th, 1924.

Our enthusiastic Representative, Ex. Comp. Hayes Gsantner, was present. Comp. Gsantner is possibly the most active Representative Alberta has. He keeps us well informed and is a real ambassador.

The Grand High Priest says:

"With few exceptions the condition of the Craft is healthy. Royal Arch Masonry is spreading light and knowledge abroad in this Grand Jurisdiction for the mutual good of the Fraternity. The co-operation of officers and members of the Chapters is enhancing the value of Capitular Masonry, and is making the chapter a vital and living force. 'Good work, true work and square work' is being done in the great number of Chapters in this state. Generally the ritualistic work is well done, the meetings are regularly held and the task of leadership is borne with credit. There are, however, three or four Chapters that should receive the attention of the in-coming Grand High Priest. Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

"No questions were submitted to me for decisions. Therefore, no decisions have been rendered. In general this may be taken as indicating a wholesome condition in our jurisdiction of the Royal Craft."

Nebraska Masons support two Masonic Homes—one for boys and girls, another for men and women. They are caring for twenty-nine boys and girls and thirty-three grown-ups. An infirmary is being erected on the Home grounds at a cost of \$125,000.00.

Recognition of Queensland deferred. Recognition of New South Wales granted.

54 Chapters; 8,228 Members; Gain, 186.

NEVADA

51st Annual Convocation.

Held at Reno, June 10th, 1924.

R. E. Comp. Chas. P. Hoskins, Alberta Representative, present.

Grand High Priest Wm. B. S. Park, in his address, paid special attention to the responsibilities of Royal Arch Masons in regard to "Our Schools," "the seeming disregard of our laws and courts," "the narcotic evil" and "the child labor laws." He concludes his remarks thusly:

"Perhaps this is all out of place in my report, but I do not think so. As I read the daily papers, as I see the conditions here and there, I feel it is my DUTY as your Grand High Priest to call your attention to these matters. I am not even going to attempt to tell you how to fight these growing evils—in fact, I am not sure that I know the way—but it is my honest belief that if we will give more time and attention to our schools; to the upbuilding of our children's minds and souls and less attention to the selfishness and greed of the world, there would be less crowding of the calendars of our courts.

"So let us, Companions, be ever ready and anxious to do our individual part, always remembering the responsibilities we owe each other."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan recognized.

Comp. Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary (he, of the wonderful signature) says, in the concluding portion of his report:

"As to the future, from a business standpoint, the outlook for Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is favorable. Congratulations are due to all upon our enlistment in a real constructive service—our Student Loan Fund. Its success depends upon loyalty and interest, and with this in view let us enlist for the year in real constructive service, not only for the Fund, but in our relations and our duties to our fellows. What we need is a realizing sense of what it means to be a loyal Mason, a realizing sense that will keep us steadfast to the principles of the Royal Arch, and incite us to perform the obligations enjoined and to practice the duties inculcated by the Craft, out of the Chapter, as well as in it. Let us say:

"This is my creed: To do some good,
To bear my ills without complaining,
To press on as a brave man should
For honors that are worth the gaining;
To seek no profits where I may,
By winning them, bring grief to others;
To do some service day by day
In helping on my toiling brothers.

"This is my creed: To close my eyes
To little faults of those around me;
To strive to be when each day dies
Some better than the morning found me,
To keep my standards always high,
To find my task and always do it;
This is a creed! Come let us try
And strive to shape our action to it'."

8 Chapters; 640 Members; Gain, 8.

NEW BRUNSWICK

34th Annual Convocation.

Held at St. John, April 25th, 1921.

Although the 1921 Proceedings are the only ones before us and rather belated, we quote the following decision by Grand High Priest D. W. Kyle, as it concurred with the regulations of the Alberta Grand Chapter.

"Received communication from Secretary of Woodstock Chapter, Excellent Companion G. J. Gabel, asking if they could request the Chapter at London, Ontario—St. John's, No. 3—to confer the Chapter degrees on Samuel Winchester, who applied to Woodstock Chapter on September 19th and was accepted, but who did not have an opportunity to receive his degrees. Replied that I did not think we could ask a Chapter in another jurisdiction to confer degrees on one who has not received any degrees."

The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address approved of the above:

"With regard to the decision given re application desired to be made to London, Ont., for the conferring of the degrees on a candidate accepted by Woodstock Chapter, No. 8, your Committee are of the opinion that no Chapter in this jurisdiction or in a foreign jurisdiction should be asked to confer the Mark Master Mason degree on behalf of the Chapter to which the petition has been made.

8 Chapters; 1,112 Members; Gain, 163.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

105th Annual Convocation

Held at Concord, May 20th, 1924.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New South Wales recognized.

In the course of his business-like address M. E. Comp. Albion Edward Hayes, Grand High Priest, calls attention to New Hampshire Masonic activities in the following:

"We have several objects of Masonic effort worthy of your constant attention,—First, the Masonic Home, the outstanding monument of Masonic charity in this state. It should receive the active support of every Companion. It is ever in need of funds for its maintenance and to make needed additions and improvements. Remember it now, but act generously toward it in the future. Second, the Order of DeMolay, which this Grand Chapter has permitted its constituent Chapters to sponsor. Several Chapters have been instituted. In this movement we have an opportunity to spread and foster Masonic principles and ideals. In its direct influence on the future citizenship of our country, it should be considered. As patriotic Americans and Masons we should do all in our power to make it a success. Third, The Masonic Bulletin, the medium of Masonic news and influence: It is now beyond the experimental stage. Increase its usefulness by your loyal support."

26 Chapters; 5,844 Members; Gain, 54.

NEW JERSEY**68th Annual Convocation**

Held at Trenton, May 14th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative, Comp. Wm. H. Pike, present.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Frank C. Preiss sat on an attempt to make the Chapter a stepping stone:

Conferring Capitular Degrees in Full Knight's Templar Uniform.

"On September 5th, 1923, I received the Trestleboard of Roseville Chapter, No. 45, and noticed the following announcement:

'Hearken, my friends, to this piece of good news: On the night of Friday, October 5th, Damascus Commandery, No. 5, K. T., will attend in full uniform and confer the P. M. degree. Herald the good tidings among your friends.'

In response to which I sent the following letter to Most Excellent Companion Gorden M. Walter, High Priest of Roseville Chapter, No. 45:

Orange, N. J., Sept. 10th, 1923.

Mr. Gorden M. Walter, Most Excellent High Priest, Roseville Chapter
No. 45, R.A.M., Newark, N. J.:

Most Excellent Companion.—I notice in your Trestleboard for September, you announce that on October 5th, 1923, the P. M. Degree will be conferred by Damascus Commandery, No. 5, K. T., in Full Uniform.

I am an ardent Knight Templar and am pleased to know that a fraternal and friendly spirit exists between Royal Arch Masonry and Templarism. Nevertheless, I can not permit you to proceed with your plan. It is perfectly proper for you to have a "Damascus Night" and have the members of Damascus Commandery occupy the Stations and Places in your Chapter and confer any Capitular Degree; but neither they, nor any other member, can appear in the Chapter Room in Full Templar Uniform.

When you publish your October Trestleboard, announce that no Templar Uniform is to be worn. Trusting that you will cheerfully abide to my instructions, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Frank C. Preiss,

Grand High Priest.

As stated in the above letter, I am indeed happy to see that a fraternal and friendly spirit exists between Capitular Masonry and Templarism. However, I do not believe in letting our enthusiasm run away with good judgment. We must adhere to Ancient Customs and Land-Marks of our Fraternity and not permit innovations.

I am pleased to report that Most Excellent Companion Gorden M. Walter cheerfully complied with my request."

Here is another sensible ruling:

"During the year I requested, through the District Deputies, that the Companions refrain from smoking during the conferring of the degrees. In many instances the Companions cheerfully acquiesced, but there are many who frowned upon this request.

"I am of the opinion that smoking should be prohibited during the conferring of degrees and recommend that it be enforced."

56 Chapters; 18,153 Members; Gain, 1,454.

NEW MEXICO

26th Annual Convocation.

Held at Raton, February 21st, 1924.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grand Chapters recognized.

Very little of interest appears in the Grand High Priest's address. He visited seven of sixteen Chapters. Evidently New Mexico has been struck by the hard times as well as other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand High Priest says:

"Our State has undergone a period of great business depression during the past year and our progress has not been all that we would desire, but we have gained rather than lost and should feel encouraged and inspired to still greater effort to overcome our difficulties and place Capitular Masonry in the advance of Masonic progress in our jurisdiction."

16 Chapters; 1,905 Members; Gain, 101.

NEW YORK

127th Annual Convocation.

Held at Albany, February 5th, 1924.

R. E. Comp. W. Stanley Child represented Alberta.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan recognized.

M. E. Comp. Geo. E. Briggs, Grand High Priest, visited every one of the 224 Chapters. He says:

"This somewhat unusual and unique record has cost the Grand Chapter some money. It has cost the Grand High Priest considerable time, energy and sacrifice. But if it has enthused the Chapters of the State, if it has aroused any latent energy or talent in officers and members, if it has been the cause of any inspiration to more work, better attendance, closer adherence to the ritual, in fact if it will result in fresh vigor and renewed zeal in our officers and Companions, I will feel that my labor has not been in vain.

"Time alone will tell whether the effort has been worth while.

"Upon these visits I have addressed from the East in open Chapter 15,602 Royal Arch Masons. In grand bodies I have addressed 2,205 Companions. At banquets or meetings where there have been other than Royal Arch Masons, including mixed assemblages, I have spoken to 3,521 people. A grand total of 21,328 persons who have heard my messages on Masonry and its mission.

"In making these perigrinations about the State I have traveled by automobile, trolley, subway, boat or railroad train the rather significant total of 31,977 miles."

"And yet," he says, "There was so much I wanted to accomplish that has been left undone."

Royal Arch Masonry needs a few more like the Grand High Priest to place it in the supreme position it deserves to be in.

224 Chapters; 67,526 Members; Gain, 3,276.

NEW ZEALAND

32nd Annual Convocation.

Held at Auckland, January 30th, 1924.

M. E. Comp. E. Lane, Grand Z, in his address to Grand Chapter, spoke of the lack of interest of prominent Masons in Capitular work:

"There is one thing I would like to touch upon, and that is the disappointment I felt on more than one occasion in meeting prominent Freemasons in Craft Freemasonry who were taking no interest in Capitular Freemasonry. As we hold our being under the Grand Lodge of this Dominion, an endeavour should be made to impress the craftsmen of New Zealand that it is their duty to be loyal to Grand Chapter as being part of Grand Lodge. As craftsmen their Masonic knowledge is not complete until they become R. A. Freemasons, and it should be impressed upon them that they should complete their Masonic education under their own organizations."

49 Chapters; 3,047 Members; Gain, 233.

NORTH CAROLINA

75th Annual Convocation.

Held at Charlotte, May 8th, 1923.

Masons in North Carolina have an Educational Loan Fund, supported by Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. \$13,000.00 has been loaned to students since November, 1921. The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. William R. Smith has this to say about it:

"York Rite Masonry in North Carolina is determined that 'its body shall not go down to the earth like the beasts of the field, there

to remain,' but like a reincarnated, resurrected spirit she is determined to show to the world through its great constructive educational program, that Masonry stands for at least one thing—EDUCATION—that bulwark against intolerance, bigotry and most of the ills that beset the citizenship of this country of ours today.

"In my travels about the State I have heard a few faint rumblings (very faint), not from any body of men, but from one or two uninformed individuals, who have said, 'We may be overdoing this educational idea.' PERISH THE THOUGHT! When we stop and think of the ultimate good that is bound to be the sequence of this educational program, those faint rumblings sink into utter significance. When we think of the future possibilities wrapped up in that word EDUCATION, when we realize that some future President of these United States and a great many of our future citizens may be able to say: '*I gained my start and inspiration from the Masonic Loan Fund of North Carolina,*' we will then feel proud that we were the Masonic pioneers in this great work. In taking part in this great educational movement we are simply exemplifying the teachings of our own Royal Arch Degree—'Without the hope of fee or reward.'"

60 Chapters; 7,647 Members; Gain, 569.

76th Annual Convocation.

Held at Raleigh, May 13th, 1924.

M. E. Comp. Raymond C. Dunn, Grand High Priest, favors re-unions:

"I cannot too strongly commend a reunion of the York Rite Bodies to be held by the Chapters and Commanderies of the State at stated intervals. This is peculiarly the age of meetings. Scarcely a night passes but that a busy man is called upon to attend a meeting of one kind or another. Therefore, no matter how much interest he may have in Masonry, he cannot be expected to give several nights out of every week to degree work in the various Masonic Bodies. It is generally true that the Masons active in one branch of Masonry are also active in its other branches and thus where there is much work in the various Bodies and only a limited number of candidates are used, a great tax is laid upon their time. The Scottish Rite Bodies have realized that this is so, and long ago they adopted the reunion idea. Wherever this plan has been adopted in York Rite Masonry in this State, the results have been most gratifying. Separate consecutive dates are set apart for conferring the different degrees of the various Bodies, at which time large classes attend and much enthusiasm is evidenced and much good accomplished; particularly is this true in Waynesville and Burlington, and possibly other centers, where the reunion idea has prevailed. There has been a rebirth of Masonic enthusiasm and an increasing gain in numbers and interest. I hope that many of the Chapters of the State will adopt this plan."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grand Chapters recognized.

60 Chapters; 8,126 Members; Gain, 493.

NORTH DAKOTA

35th Annual Convocation.

Held at Fargo, January 22nd, 1924.

R. E. Comp. Walter R. Reid represented Alberta.

The proceedings open with a splendid portrait of M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand High Priest, well known to Alberta Companions.

M. E. Comp. W. D. Lawrence, Grand Z, and R. E. Comp. Harry Moulden, Grand Scribe E., of Manitoba, were received with Grand Honors. The Union Jack was displayed beside the Stars and Stripes in honor of the Manitoba Companions.

The Grand High Priest in his opening remarks says:

"This is the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. You are cordially welcome; you know that, for this is your Grand Chapter and this is your Convocation. Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota is what you make it. We are here today to take account of stock, check up the weak spots, put our efficiency engineers at work, and see if the Grand Chapter and every constituent Chapter cannot be made a more effective agency for the promotion of the great principles of our beloved Order, and the wider spread of those great doctrines of altruism, service, and sacrifice so wonderfully typified by those weary sojourners from Babylonish captivity.

"We are here also for fellowship and friendship. We yearn for fellowship and friendship, which are the fundamental needs of the world. If in Masonry we do not find this fellowship and this friendship, then we shall go elsewhere and seek until we do find them. Right here Companions, is to be found the cause of many of our difficulties. The ritual is fine, but in time it becomes a formal routine and when not well presented as is, we regret to say, frequently the case, it becomes positively objectionable. We must have better ritualism, more dramatic fervor, more realism, but beyond this we must furnish in our Chapters, and what we say of Chapters is equally true of every other Masonic body, greater opportunity to get together in a friendly sort of way and drink from the fountain of brotherly love and spiritual inspiration. This is said in sober earnestness—an earnestness born of conviction and experience. We are living in the last part of the first quarter of the twentieth century and unless we bring our Masonic methods and ideals in keeping with these modern days, we fail,—and we must not fail. The challenge to the Grand Chapter is clearer than ever before. Are we going to meet the challenge and draw new plans, and new designs upon the Trestleboard for the New Temple. For the consideration of this and many another problem we meet today."

He has this to say re his visit to Alberta:

"We were the guest of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of the Province of Alberta, Canada, at a noon luncheon in Calgary, while we were attending the Communication of the Grand Lodge in Alberta. We were most cordially welcomed and afforded a generous hearing by more than one hundred Companions of that great province. The Grand Officers were present and extended every courtesy. We sincerely cherish the happy memories of that day and we came away with a deeper conviction than ever before that Masonry plays a large

part in keeping the bonds of friendship and good will strong among the English speaking peoples of the world."

Come again Comp. Stockwell, you are thrice welcome!

Here are a few of his "Observations":

"We feel that there are many things which augur well for the future. The growth during the past year 1923 has been substantial when conditions are considered. A net gain of practically seventy is satisfactory. Most of our Chapters are well established and well officered. There is a better conception of the place of Royal Arch Masonry and the significance of our degrees. The General Grand Chapter Ritual is pretty thoroughly mastered in every Chapter. Ritualistic work deserves to be well done. Every Chapter needs a well worked out social program. An occasional dinner preceding a Chapter Convocation is a good thing. No chapter ought ordinarily to be established in a community of less than 1,000 to 1,500 people."

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

North Dakota also has a Students' Loan Fund. to assist in the completion of a college education.

M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell was elected Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS' ASSOCIATION

At dinner Wednesday noon an organization consisting of Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council and Grand Secretaries and Recorders of Grand Chapter and Grand Council was perfected. M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie was chosen as Regent, Vice Regent George H. Phelps, Harry F. Moulden, Scrivener and George E. Duis, Usher. The purpose of this organization is to cement and preserve the friendly interest and fraternal good fellowship among the Companions who have served as indicated above. The association will meet annually at dinner during the Grand Convocation.

28 Chapters; 4,158 Members; Gain, 69.

NOVA SCOTIA

55th Annual Convocation.

Held at Bridgewater, June 10th, 1924.

Alberta represented by R. E. Comp. Fletcher H. Northup.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan recognized.

A splendid article, entitled "The Origin and History of the Capitular Degrees," by V. E. Comp. R. V. Harris, is printed as an addition to the correspondence report.

There is also an "Historical Sketch" by R. E. Comp. Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary. This is a History of early Masonry in Nova Scotia and makes very interesting reading.

20 Chapters; 2,711 Members; Loss, 40.

OHIO

108th Annual Convocation

Held at Cincinnati, October 1st, 1924.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grand Chapters recognized.

The address of M. E. Comp. John P. Kuhn, Grand High Priest, —a clear cut business document shows that he was very active in his duties. His rulings, dispensations, etc., were all approved of by the Committee on Jurisprudence. On behalf of Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. Nelson Williams presented him with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron. The presentation address follows:

"M. E. Companion Kuhn:

"At scarcely a moment's notice, a very important and a very pleasant duty has devolved upon me, and I have been requested to present to the retiring Grand High Priest a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and an Apron. I do not know why this honor comes to me. But the Chairman of the Committee on Jewel and Apron does not seem to be present, and I am very glad to be able to perform this duty.

"Most Excellent Companion Kuhn, if we needed nothing else than your address of yesterday to assure us that you not only appreciated the responsible duties of your station during the past year, that would be sufficient. The comment has been favorable. You evidently did appreciate your position, exalted as it was, and you have discharged your duties fearlessly, faithfully and well, and this Grand Chapter honors itself in honoring you by presenting to you a permanent testimonial of its esteem and good will.

"This jewel is the usual Past Grand High Priest's Jewel. I want to assure you that its sterling silver is not more sterling and refined than is the refinement of the recipient. Its pure gold is not more pure than is the affection and esteem of those authorizing its presentation. And both of these are not more enduring than is the fraternal esteem and regard of the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Ohio for you. And I ask you, sir, to accept this not only as a testimonial of the appreciation which we feel and have for your efforts, but as one of those little keepsakes or mementoes of your year of service, which we trust you may carry down with you as another bud, as it were, in the beautiful bouquet of pleasant memories which we trust you will carry with you to the grave. I want to pin this on your breast.

"On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio I wish to present you with this apron. This is the peculiar badge of a Mason, which all Masons are glad and proud to wear. And I am very sure that during the coming years, whenever you don this apron, you will remember this day, this hour and this occasion."

43 pages of the Proceedings is devoted to the Report of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield. There are 294 men, women and children cared for in the Home.

206 Chapters; 77,224 Members; Gain, 2,476.

OKLAHOMA

35th Annual Convocation.

Held at Ada, April 16th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative, M. E. Comp. Edward Payson Gallup, presided as Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest has this to say as to his visits:

"I have not visited all the Chapters. Did not expect to. Have actually visited twenty-two of them. In each and every instance was received with all the honors due the Grand High Priest, and if I had not been called on to make a speech would have had a pleasant time. Taken as a whole I enjoyed every visit and believe some good was accomplished. I visited one Chapter that has been working about ten years and never had a visit from a Grand Officer. In several towns where Chapters are located I called on the officers, while there on business on dates other than their Convocations."

He recommended recognition of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and this was concurred in by the Grand Chapter. His concluding remarks on unrest are to the point:

"There is today throughout the world a spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction. Everybody is going around with a chip on his shoulder. Numerous societies and organizations have been started, some for this, others against that. Some of them have made Masonry a prerequisite to membership, others have done everything possible to make it appear to the public that Masonry was in accord with and approved their actions.

Companions, the reason Masonry has outlived the fortunes of Kings and the mutations of Empires is because it has never allowed the discussion of creeds, cults or isms to take place in the lodge rooms. It never asks a man what his religion is, but asks if he believes in the one living and true God. Today, Companions, as never before it behooves all Masons to be careful of what they say or do.

GOD GIVE US MEN!

God give us men, a time like this demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.
 Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
 Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
 Men who possess opinions and a will;
 Men who have honor, men who will not lie.
 Men who can stand before a demagogue
 And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking.
 Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
 In public duty and private thinking;
 For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
 Their large professions and their deeds,
 Mingle in selfish strife, lo, freedom weeps;
 Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps.

—Holland.

Grand Chapter of Queensland was also recognized.

They have an Educational Loan Fund and support the Masonic Service Association.

The Committee on "DeMolay work among Boys" strongly urge the Companions to assist:

"Companions, I earnestly urge that when you return to your homes, to renew interest especially in your sponsoring body, that we may call to service every Mason in Oklahoma, in DeMolay work.

"Companions, do you realize, or have you stopped to think that over 80 per cent. of the crime committed in the past five years has been committed by young men scarcely old enough to petition a lodge, if not, it is time for us to think it over and we will realize fully what might have been, had we done our duty as Masons toward the youths of our country in the past. Will we awaken to our duty now and try to make up to the future generation what we have so miserably failed in, in the past.

"It will be but a short time as we measure time, when the boys who are now playing marbles in the streets will be called upon to fill all the positions of our country's activities. There is not a Mason in the United States today, that cannot help somewhere in some way to promote this work. Will we do it."

80 Chapters; 13,806 Members; Gain, 949.

PENNSYLVANIA

128th Annual Convocation.

Held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1923.

Quarterly Communications were held on March 8th, June 7th, September 6th and December 6th.

R. E. Comp. Owen W. Metzgar, our Representative, was present on September 6th and on December 6th.

The degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason were conferred at the March, June and September meetings respectively.

The Constitution was revised:

The minimum fee for the three degrees is now thirty dollars. No Chapter can charge less than four dollars per year and as much more as their requirements demand.

Schools of Instruction are called "Rehearsals" in Pennsylvania. The Grand High Priest, at one of these, was not satisfied with the work of the Scribe. This is how he arranged matters:

"The Scribe, it seems, has never had time to learn the Mark Degree, and so, I have relieved him of further embarrassment by directing that he be not advanced and suggested that he be not re-elected. This suggestion has been carried out."

He was evidently a stickler for rules:

"April 24, 1923. Refused dispensation to Elk Chapter, No. 230, to confer all the Degrees at one time upon a candidate who resided 115 miles from the Chapter, the additional trip not being more than Grand Officers frequently have been called upon to make from one visit to another."

The following is good practical advice:

"That there is a field for Capitular Masonry, all its own, in the completion of the work of the Symbolic Lodge, we all agree. It is up to us in Capitular Masonry to see that the field is fully occupied. When we, as Royal Arch Masons, do our full duty in this matter, there will be no wailing and lamenting that this or that organization is destroying our influence and taking our material. When we give every Master Mason an opportunity to complete his Masonic education and our Officers are capable and interested, there will no longer be complaint of 'lack of interest in the Chapter'."

The Grand Chapters of Saskatchewan and Manitoba were recognized.

149 Chapters; 2 Mark Lodges; 57,519 Members; Gain, 2,058.

QUEBEC

47th Annual Convocation.

Held at Montreal, March 26th, 1924.

M. E. Comp. Henry Willis, Grand Z, in his address says-

"The year now about to close has been more than ordinarily eventful. Three of the Chapters under dispensation have been constituted and the reports of the Grand Superintendents will show that the Subordinate Chapters have been active and efficient. So far as I can learn, the utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. No controversy of any kind has been brought to my notice, and nothing requiring judicial action has been demanded of me."

He speaks very feelingly of the loss by death of Alberta's Representative, M. E. Comp. Walter J. Francis, who died suddenly at Montreal on March 6th, 1924. M. E. Comp. Francis was one of the few faithful Representatives who kept closely in touch with this Grand Chapter. Our sympathy goes out to Quebec in its great loss.

20 Chapters; 3,196 Members; Gain, 225.

SASKATCHEWAN

1st Annual Convocation.

Held at Saskatoon, February 20th, 1924.

This, the first report of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, is put up very neatly. There is very little waste space and the entire arrangement reflects great credit on Grand Scribe E., R. E. Comp. F. B. Reilly.

The Grand Z, M. E. Comp. C. H. Crandon, was evidently an active officer: He urged upon the Companions the necessity of examination of candidates before advancement. He found that in a number of Chapters the attendance register was entered in pencil instead of in ink. He remarked that "This record is too important to be kept in this manner."

22 Chapters; 2,522 Members; Gain, 35.

SCOTLAND

Held in Edinburgh, 1923-1924.

The Grand First Principal M. E. Comp. The Earl of Cassillis, was heartily welcomed on his return from his journey round the world in the interests of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

The agreement made by the Grand Z and the General Grand High Priest of the United States was ratified by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The articles of agreement are:

It is Hereby Mutually Agreed—

First.—That the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America over Royal Arch Masonry in the territory known as the Philippine Islands is supreme, and that said General Grand Chapter has this right and authority for the reason that since the year 1826 the General Grand Chapter has exercised the right and power to grant dispensations and Charters for Royal Arch Chapters in the United States, its territories, dependencies and protectorates, and also in unoccupied territory or districts where no Chapter exists.

Second.—That said Keystone Chapter, No. 354, shall be permitted to retain its Charter from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and that its members shall be recognized as regularly made Royal Arch Masons under the further agreement that no more Chapters shall be chartered by the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in the said territory of the Philippine Islands or any other territory or protectorate of the United States.

Third.—That said Keystone Chapter shall accept no petitions for membership or exaltation, except from members of the Scottish Lodge of Manila, known as Lodge Perla del Oriente, No. 1034.

Fourth.—That Luzon Chapter, No. 1, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all petitions for the Chapter degrees or for affiliation, resident or sojourning, within the Philippine Islands, except members of Perla del Oriente Lodge, No. 1034.

SOUTH CAROLINA

113th Annual Convocation.

Held at Aiken, April 8th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative, R. E. Comp. W. A. Giles, present.

Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan recognized. Recognition of Queensland postponed.

The Grand High Priest (being modest) did not attempt to visit all Chapters:

"My predecessor having eclipsed all records by visiting every Chapter in the State during his term of office, I considered it unfair to my successors to confirm such a precedent. I have therefore made no systematic visitation, but where possible, I have accepted special invitations."

However, the Committee to which his address was referred, congratulated him "upon his splendid record of achievement and progress" so all's well.

44 Chapters; 6,536 Members; Gain, 156.

SOUTH DAKOTA

35th Annual Convocation.

Held at Lead, June 12th, 1924.

Ex. Comp. Norris J. Hendrickson, Alberta's Representative, present.

M. E. Comp. Cyrus B. Warne, Grand High Priest, is some "booster" He should live in Sunny Alberta where the sun shines 365 days in the year:

"We meet here in the richest hundred miles square of these grand United States, amid the hills and pines of this beautiful section, where the handiwork of God in all its rare beauty seems to welcome us on this wonderful June day. In this land in which the hardy pioneer of our early days wrought so diligently and to such wonderful purpose to develop this beautiful land for future generations to enjoy, under whose hills the ingenuity of man found such stores of wealth and golden treasure we meet today."

Evidently the South Dakota Companions like novelty:

"The following day, Sunday, under the personal escort of our zealous Companion Granger I visited the Bad Lands. This is a wonderful treat when accompanied by one who knows every inch of these marvels of nature. After a trip through Cottonwood canyon, we came back half way and met the Companions of the Chapter and enjoyed a picnic dinner. After dinner all the Companions repaired to the highest flat Butte in that part of the Bad Lands, taking their Chapter paraphernalia with them, and there, in God's great out of doors, amid the erosions of centuries with the land marks of the Great Artificer of the Universe on every side, we opened a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Never had there been a setting so grand, and never did the Great

Teacher seem so near. After a prayer and several speeches, the hill was christened the "Cy Warne Royal Arch Butte," and it will be so labeled. The Chapter was then closed and we returned to town, after which I was driven to Murdo."

43 Chapters; 6,352 Members; Gain, 48.

TENNESSEE

95th Annual Convocation.

Held at Nashville, January 28th, 1924.

M. E. Comp. F. E. Bartley represented Alberta.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. C. H. Byrn, made many visitations and was evidently an indefatigable worker. The following is a summing up of work performed:

First.—Peace and harmony restored in all Chapters.

Second.—Six Chapters constituted and officers installed.

Third.—Every Chapter in the state visited.

Fourth.—Two Chapters fully revived.

Fifth.—Six Chapters put on probation last year, all alive and doing work.

Sixth.—Not a chapter in the state that failed to meet during the year.

Seventh.—The erection and dedication of the Administration Building at the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home.

Eighth.—Made final settlement and invested all the proceeds received from the sale of the Grand Chapter's interest in Free Masons Hall.]

He suggests the following resolutions in the final paragraphs of his splendid report:

So, Companions, let us resolve:

"To remember that the All Seeing Eye is upon us at all times. ♦

"To keep so close to the centre of things that nothing on the circumference can disturb or distress us.

"To preserve our peace of mind when others squander theirs in impatience and irritability, for by so doing we shall keep our health and become a staff upon which others can lean.

"To remain silent when others are mentioned, unless we can say something good about them.

"To remember that, despite all appearances, the everlasting arms are around about us, sustaining and strengthening us.

"To know that God created us to give expression to his glory, and that we best carry out His plan by maintaining courage in adversity, cheerfulness in sorrow, and hope in the place of despair.

"To turn in thought to God whenever outer things would suggest His absence, and to persuade ourselves that in a universe that is filled with the presence of God there is nothing to fear.

"To put these resolutions into active service so that this year will be such an improvement over all other years that my friends will resolve to follow along the same line."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grand Chapters recognized.

90 Chapters; 10,510 Members; Gain, 800.

TEXAS

75th Annual Convocation.

Held at Waco, December 1st, 1924.

The report of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Sam J. Helm, was complete and business-like. His appeal for a practical knowledge of Masonry and the education of candidates in the teachings of the degrees is worth while. Here is a paragraph on that subject:

"A button no more makes a Mason than a medicine-case makes a physician nor than binoculars make an admiral, and the Masonic body which makes the greatest failure of educating its members in Masonry is the one which faces the earliest disaster. Numbers mean nothing if those numbers know nothing, and their meaning is in proportion to their knowledge. Of course, all members know something of the fraternity, but the onrush through the portals of Masonry during and since the World War has been so great that our Chapters have had to convert themselves into degree mills, finding little time to delve deeply into the beauties and explain them to the younger members. There are none of us who can not learn more and, with that learning, become better Masons, more useful to ourselves, to our fraternity and to our fellowman. Companions, let us make an earnest effort to perfect our own knowledge of Masonry and carry the good news to our fellows, so that when a keystone or cross-and-crown is seen in a man's lapel, it will represent a diploma from the school of Masonry, and there is no greater school in the universe. A perfect education is said to be one which teaches a person "something about everything and everything about something." Masonry is so vast that we can not master all of it, but we can make the perfect Masonic education mean that we know 'something about all of it and all about some of it.'"

One short paragraph is devoted to resumption of Fraternal relations with the General Grand Chapter and sister Grand Chapters after the "Mexico" invasion.

The Grand Orator, Comp. J. W. Pender, gave a splendid address on "Masonry and Life." Space does not permit giving it in full; we quote his concluding remarks:

"And now, my Companions, I have finished the message. Masonry cannot make life, nor can it make a life. Masonry cannot make a man, nor can it make a man good. The most that Masonry can do is to so plant and imbue its elements into the life and character of a man as to make him potentially a better man and the life he lives a nobler one. All of the uplifting forces of humanity, the home, the school, the church and Masonry are needed. I trust you will get out of the message a new conception of the meaning of life, a new realization of the relationship between man and life, a new regard for the importance of Masonry in its relation to human affairs, a new inspiration to live to the utmost the life that is given us here upon earth. If I have done these things, I shall be satisfied. I know of no more fitting words with which to close this message than those uttered by the immortal Bryant,]

" 'So live, than when thy summons comes to join the innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of Death, thou go, not like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams'."

317 Chapters; 42,921 Members; Gain, 1,351.

UTAH

13th Annual Convocation.

Held at Salt Lake City, May 23rd, 1924.

R. E. Comp. E. A. Tripp, Grand Scribe and Representative of Alberta, present.

The Grand High Priest reported that "Insofar as this jurisdiction is concerned nothing unusual has transpired during the year requiring special legislation."

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Walter Daniels, regretted that for the first time in nine years he was not able (owing to sickness) to accompany the Grand High Priest on his visitations. He says, "Trust this may not occur again."—So mote it be.

8 Chapters; 1142 Members; Gain, 58.

VERMONT

107th Annual Convocation.

Held at Burlington, June 10th, 1924.

Alberta's Representative, E. Comp. Howard H. Shufelt, present.

M. E. Comp. Allen D. Ball, Grand High Priest, says:

"The true destiny of man is to grow in intellectual, moral and spiritual excellence, and Masonry, properly understood and administered, aids greatly to accomplish that end. Our duty is to solve and act that the world will be wiser and better, that harmony may prevail, and discord be banished from the land. If we, as Masons, do not meet the requirements and evident aim of the institution, we are tares in the field of human progress, and come short of the promises made when we partook of the Masonic mysteries. How wonderfully incomprehensible yet true, is the individuality of Freemasonry. The unity of her relations is not disturbed by the telescope of the astronomer or the pick of the geologist. There are no theories to be overturned, and therefore she feels no scientific evolution. Whatever is developed as truth in the triumphal march of civilization shakes not her foundations, while the theories of many institutions after the combat for superiority has ended, crumble into dust."

He was not called upon to give any decisions: "Peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders."

"And now, my dear Companions, from a heart full of gratitude for the great honor you have done me, I tender you most sincere thanks and, in conclusion, let me say that during more than seventeen years in Masonry, I have come to believe that the Companion who has been so fortunate as to fully accept and absorb the spirit of Masonry, is thereby in sympathy with everything that is good and true. He is charitable and merciful in his judgments, he has learned how to make friends and keep them, because he thinks well and not evil of other men; he can look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye; he sees something to love in a little child; he can look out on the world and see something besides dollars and cents; he can look into a puddle by the roadside, and see a clear sky, rather than only mud; he can look upward at night and see beyond the stars; and besides all this, he is one who has learned to know that:

'Evil is impotent,
Sorrow a dream,
God is omnipotent,
Love is supreme'."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

31 Chapters; 5,961 Members; Gain, 72.

VICTORIA

Quarterly Convocations, 1923-1924

R. E. Comp. J. E. Kennedy, Grand Scribe E., Alberta's Representative, present.

The Annual Report, a striking booklet, printed in red, is a very complete statement of the work of the year.

The several addresses of the M. E. Grand Z were read by the Grand Scribe E.

We quote the following from an address given by M.E. Comp. Rev. A. T. Holden, P.G.Z.:

"We are pledged to preserve inviolate our secrets and mysteries; but, at the same time, we are part of the world around us and must recognize the relation that we necessarily sustain to our surroundings. To what extent is Freemasonry justified in revealing itself to the world? In what way may we fulfil our obligations to the community?"

"I wish to say, first of all, **not** in blatant display of Masonic regalia and emblems. Within the Lodge Room, if we so desire, we may wear all the emblems to which we are entitled; but in public we should be known as Freemasons by some more dignified way than by the exposure of regalia and the display of emblems. What motive, other than mere vanity, can lead a Brother to Masonically bedeck himself before the gaze of non-Masons? The sight may awaken curiosity, and even admiration, but the thinking Mason must feel a repugnance in parading before outsiders regalia that they cannot understand or appreciate but which to himself has a serious and sacred significance. To wear our distinctive dress even at public Masonic religious services on the Sunday is open to the same criticism and, moreover, is quite unnecessary. But what could be more out of place than to introduce into the jollity of the ballroom regalia and jewels that belong essentially to our secret and solemn ceremonies, thus subjecting them to a public intimacy that is quite uncalled for?"

And again:

"The Freemason of today must not forget that Masonry is more than mere ritual. It demands from us unselfish and unstinted service along the high plane of our Masonic ideals. We are members of the general community and should be examples to all men of self-sacrificing devotion to the highest and best traditions of citizenship. We live to serve and to be of service.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

The Grand Scribe E.'s salary was advanced to £450.

The Grand Z, M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Callaway, was re-elected for the second year.

41 Chapters; 2,874 Members; Gain, 442.

VIRGINIA

117th Annual Convocation.

Held at Richmond, October 28th, 1924.

There is little in the Grand High Priest's address that would interest Alberta Companions. One item, however, is unique:

"On August 15, 1924, I received from John A. Colburn, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia, a request that their Adoniram Council, No. 2, be permitted to hold a "Special Session" for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Super-Excellent Master in the Endless Caverns of your State.

"I was glad to approve this request, as this Degree is not in our system, and so could not interfere with any of our work; the Grand Secretary was directed to write him accordingly."

We cannot see what value his approval would be in this case as he had no jurisdiction in the matter.

70 Chapters; 16,765 Members; Gain, 899.

WASHINGTON

40th Annual Convocation.

Held at Bremerton, May 5th, 1924.

Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan recognized.

The Grand High Priest states: "In practically all of the Chapters visited, degree work has been exemplified and as a whole, has been done in a very creditable manner."

The Orders of DeMolay for boys and Rainbow for girls were approved of.

48 Chapters; 8,520 Members; Gain, 738.

WEST VIRGINIA

53rd Annual Convocation.

Held November 13th, 1923.

Recognition of Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan accorded.

The Grand High Priest's address is brief and without oratory. He says: "The year just past will remain in my memory as one of the most pleasant of my life. West Virginia is rapidly taking its place among the States of the Union, if not in numbers, in enthusiasm in Masonry. May we pledge anew our best efforts for Masonry and the things for which it stands."

He also says: "I instructed the Grand Secretary to charge regalia houses for the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter at actual cost." Why supply the Regalia houses with Proceedings that are not intended for general distribution? If Regalia houses had to sell through the Grand Secretary, possibly there would be fewer "rough roads" etc. in use.

44 Chapters; 11,438 Members; Gain, 456.

WISCONSIN

74th Annual Convocation.

Held at Milwaukee, February 19th, 1924.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were fraternally recognized.

The Order of DeMolay for boys is strongly supported by Grand Chapter. The Deputy Grand High Priest in his report gives a list of the lessons taught the boys:

"The Order of De Molay has taken as the basis for character formation seven cardinal virtues which are taught in the degrees.

"The first is that of filial love. The boy is taught that there is nothing effeminate in being a mother and father loving boy. He is taught, that

'That boy will do to depend on—
I hold that this is true—
From lads, in love with their mothers,
Our bravest heroes grew.

'Earth's grandest hearts have been loving hearts
Since time and earth began.
And the boy who kisses his mother,
Is every inch a man.'

"The second virtue is reverence for sacred things. No creed is taught, but a boy is given an understanding that a reliance and belief in God designates him as a real man.

"The third is courtesy. The courtesy that knows no social distinctions.

"The fourth virtue is comradeship. Fraternal brotherly love, if you will.

"The fifth is fidelity. The boy is given an appreciation of what it means to have his word as good as his bond.

"The sixth is cleanliness. The sort of cleanliness that causes him to abstain from profanity and evil thoughts.

"The seventh is patriotism. The sort of patriotism that means to be a good citizen every day, not reserving it for some great crisis.

"By ritual and obligation, the boy is taught that the public school is the cornerstone of the nation. All that this greatest of countries is destined to be is now growing in the country's public schools."

The Grand High Priest states that there are 42 Chapters of De Molay in the state with a membership of 3,500. He says:

"In my humble judgment, this Grand Chapter has done nothing in its whole history more laudable and of greater and more lasting benefit to the youth of today, the man of tomorrow, than the introduction of the order of De Molay into our state."

He is opposed to "burlesque" work:

"My observation and experience, during the past year especially, have firmly convinced me that the members of the fraternity, who have the highest and best conception of it, its principles, teachings and mission, do not desire to see its ritualistic work degraded to the level of an ordinary burlesque."

His observations on "outside activities of Masons" follow:

"There are those among us who feel that Masonry as an organization should actively engage in the controversies of the world, battling for the things it believes to be right. With these I cannot agree. Taking active part as an organization, its motives would be wilfully misrepresented, misunderstood and the very purpose of its intervention destroyed. Internal dissensions born of individual differences of opinion would weaken the fabric of the structure itself. Masonry, teaching and inculcating in its members a knowledge of its great truths and the duties which a companion owes to himself, his fellows and his Creator, imbuing men with its ideals, preparing them as individuals to take their places and do their part as individuals in the great work of rehabilitating the world, that is the mission of Freemasonry."

109 Chapters; 22,361 Members; Gain, 1,404.

WYOMING

16th Annual Convocation.

Held at Douglas, July 10th, 1924.

Queensland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

The Grand High Priest was active in his visitations. His decisions were all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence although the Committee seems to have been doubtful of one:

"Regarding the dispensations to Gillette Chapter U. D. and Buffalo Chapter No. 13, waiving time limit before the conferring of degrees, there seems to be some ambiguity in the by-laws covering this point; therefore, your committee recommends that the action of the Grand High Priest be approved, but that in the future all petitioners be required to wait the statutory time before being balloted upon."

17 Chapters; 2,128 Members; Gain, 87.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

39th Triennial Convocation.

Held at Portland, Maine, September 10th, 1924.

Owing to the sudden death of Most Excellent Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, a few days before the Triennial Convocation, the Companions met with heavy hearts. His address, which had been prepared a short time previous to his death, was read by the General Grand Secretary. It makes most interesting reading, being a comprehensive report of his activities. There are so many items of interest that it is hard to choose those of especial interest. We quote the following:

Life of a Demit

Question.—Has a demit a limit of time?

Answer.—No. There is no limit to the life of a demit. A demit issued according to the laws of a Grand Jurisdiction may deprive the holder of the certificate certain privileges, but the right of using it for the purpose of affiliation cannot be denied.

Right of Visitation

Question.—(a) Can a Royal Arch Mason, hailing from a Grand Jurisdiction in which the Past Master or the M. E. M. degree is not conferred in his chapter, visit a chapter of Royal Arch Masons under the General Grand Chapter

(b) Must such missing degrees be conferred upon him before he can visit?

Answer.—(a) Yes. Such a Royal Arch Mason may visit a chapter, but cannot be present when the degrees which he does not possess are being conferred.

(b) No. A Chapter cannot require a companion of another Grand Jurisdiction to assume vows that are not required in his own jurisdiction.

If such a companion desires to affiliate, then if elected, he must have the degrees which he has not received in his former Grand Jurisdiction, conferred upon him without additional charge. Sec. 40, Art. III. of Constitution.

Arrangement of Great Lights

Question.—How are the Great Lights (The Holy Bible, Square and Compasses) displayed in the chapter degrees?

Answer.—They are displayed in the same manner as in the degree of the Master Mason.

Previous to the death of M. E. Comp. Kuhn the disagreements between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of Scotland and of Texas had been harmoniously adjusted and peace now reigns.

The General Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Chas. A. Conover says:

"This has been the busiest and most active triennial period of our history. Our General Grand High Priest has set a pace that very few of half his years can maintain. More has been accomplished for the strengthening and upbuilding of Royal Arch Masonry than ever before and the position and functions of this body better appreciated and understood.

"Our General Grand High Priest has travelled far and wide, visited nearly every Grand Jurisdiction in our union, and wherever he has gone he has spread the Gospel of Royal Arch Masonry and the study of its significance, its position and influence in our Masonic fabric. Time has not permitted him to answer all the calls for visits and for his words of wisdom and instruction. It has been my privilege to be with him on many of these occasions and the many evidences of appreciation and gratitude for his advice and counsel have been most gratifying and augurs well for the future stability of our craft.

We cannot better conclude this report than by quoting Comp. Conover's testimony to his departed Chief:

"To the memory of Dr. Kuhn, who was always most kind and considerate at all times, and with whom I have traveled many miles and spent many happy hours, I wish to pay my tribute of love and affection and express my heartfelt gratitude for the many favors he showered upon me. He has been a constant inspiration to me and I am sure my life has been made better through the love and brotherly affection he has shown me during the past three years. That he could not be spared to us these many years to continue the wonderful educational work which he inaugurated and to give the Royal Craft the benefit of his study, research and writings is most deeply regretted. I hope you will still further the work in this line in his memory that he may continue, for years to come, to benefit all Royal Arch Masons through his vigorous words of wisdom and guidance."

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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the *receipt* of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter—one copy to be retained by the Scribe E and one by each of the three Principals.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters *ends* the 31st *December*, and Scribes E are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. (See Clause 59—Constitution.)

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions *in full*, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included, THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.

The list of Companions suspended *must be read out at the next Regular Convocation following the receipt of these Proceedings.*

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1925

- M.E. Comp. Samuel H. Middleton.....Grand First Principal Z
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Red Deer, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher.....Grand Treasurer
Calgary, Alberta
- R.E. Comp. Hugh Stainsleigh.....Grand Registrar
Hussar, Alberta
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The Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the town of Banff, on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1926, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
